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I love you the more in that I believe you had liked me for my own sake and for nothing else.

John Keats

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But man is not made for defeat. A man can be destroyed but not defeated.

Ernest Hemingway

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When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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There is nothing permanent except change.

Heraclitus

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You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.

Indira Gandhi

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Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow.

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

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It is better to be feared than loved, if you cannot be both. Niccolo Machiavelli

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The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. The fears are paper tigers. You can do anything you decide to do. You can act to

change and control your life; and the procedure, the process is its own reward.

Amelia Earhart

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Do not mind anything that anyone tells you about anyone else. Judge everyone and everything for yourself.

Henry James

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Learning never exhausts the mind.

Leonardo da Vinci

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There is no charm equal to tenderness of heart.

Jane Austen

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All that we see or seem is but a dream within a dream.

Edgar Allan Poe

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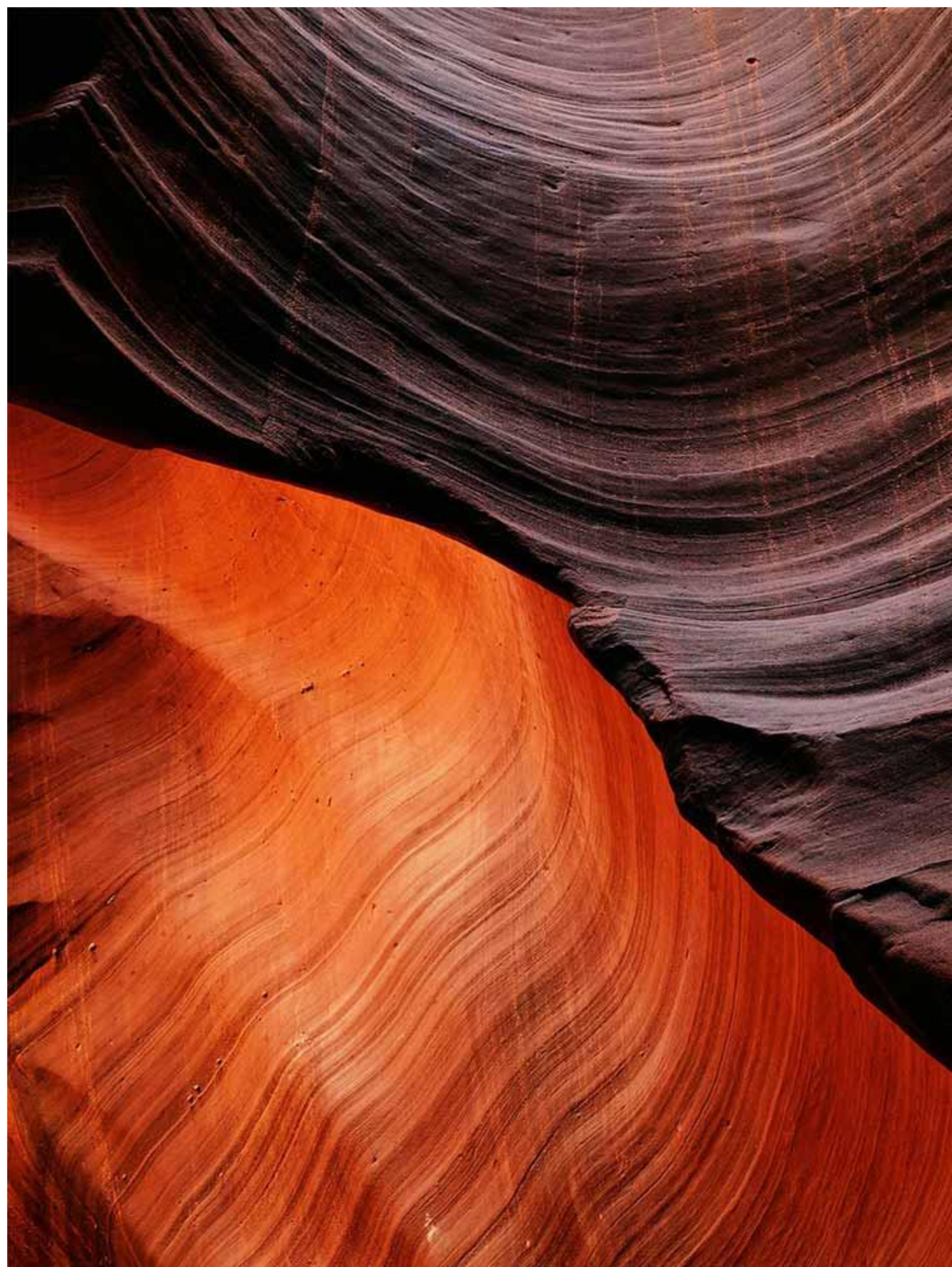
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Francis of Assisi

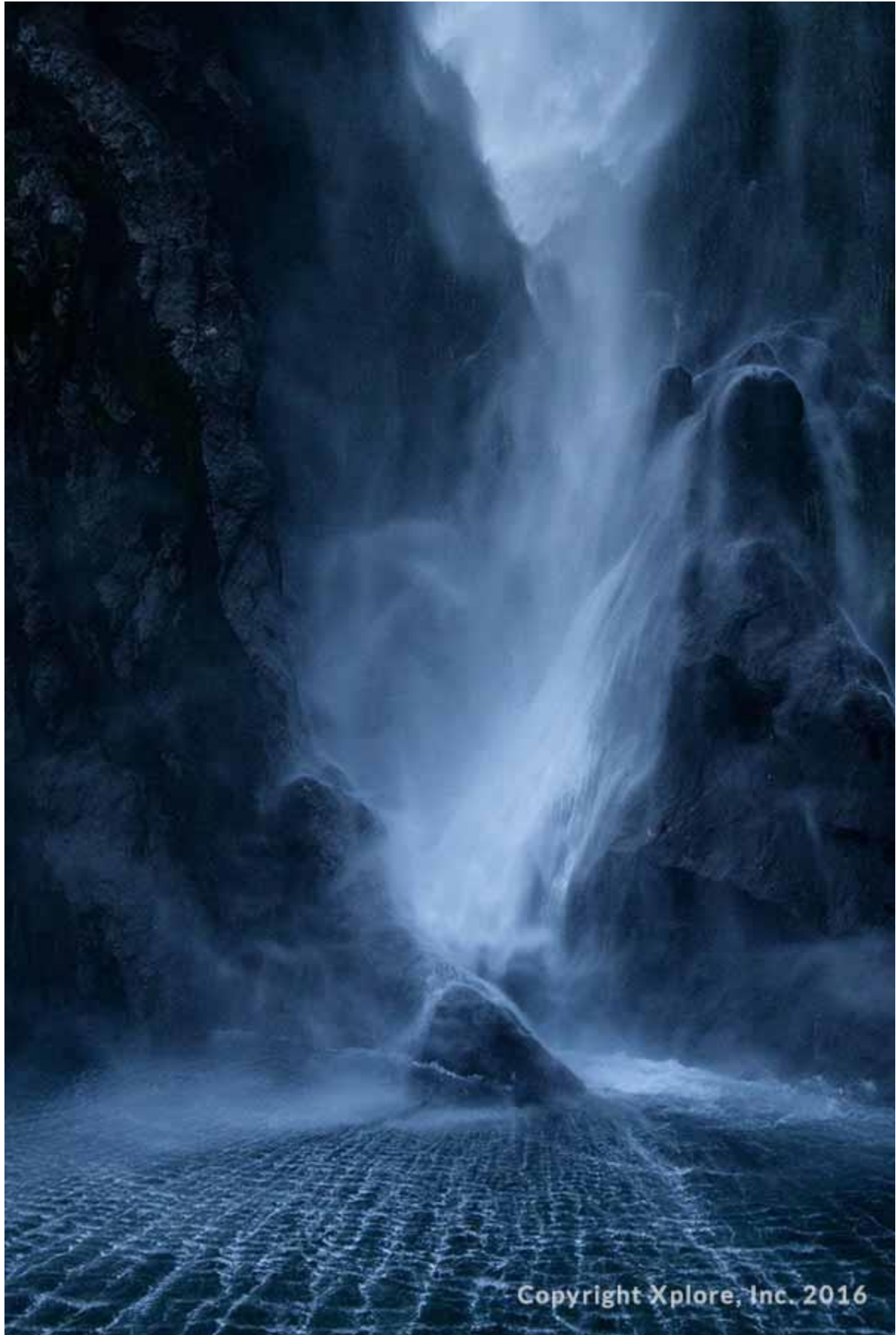


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The only journey is the one within. *Rainer Maria Rilke*



Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment. *Will Rogers*



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Think in the morning. Act in the noon. Eat in the evening. Sleep in the night.*William Blake*



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Life without love is like a tree without blossoms or fruit.*Khalil Gibran*



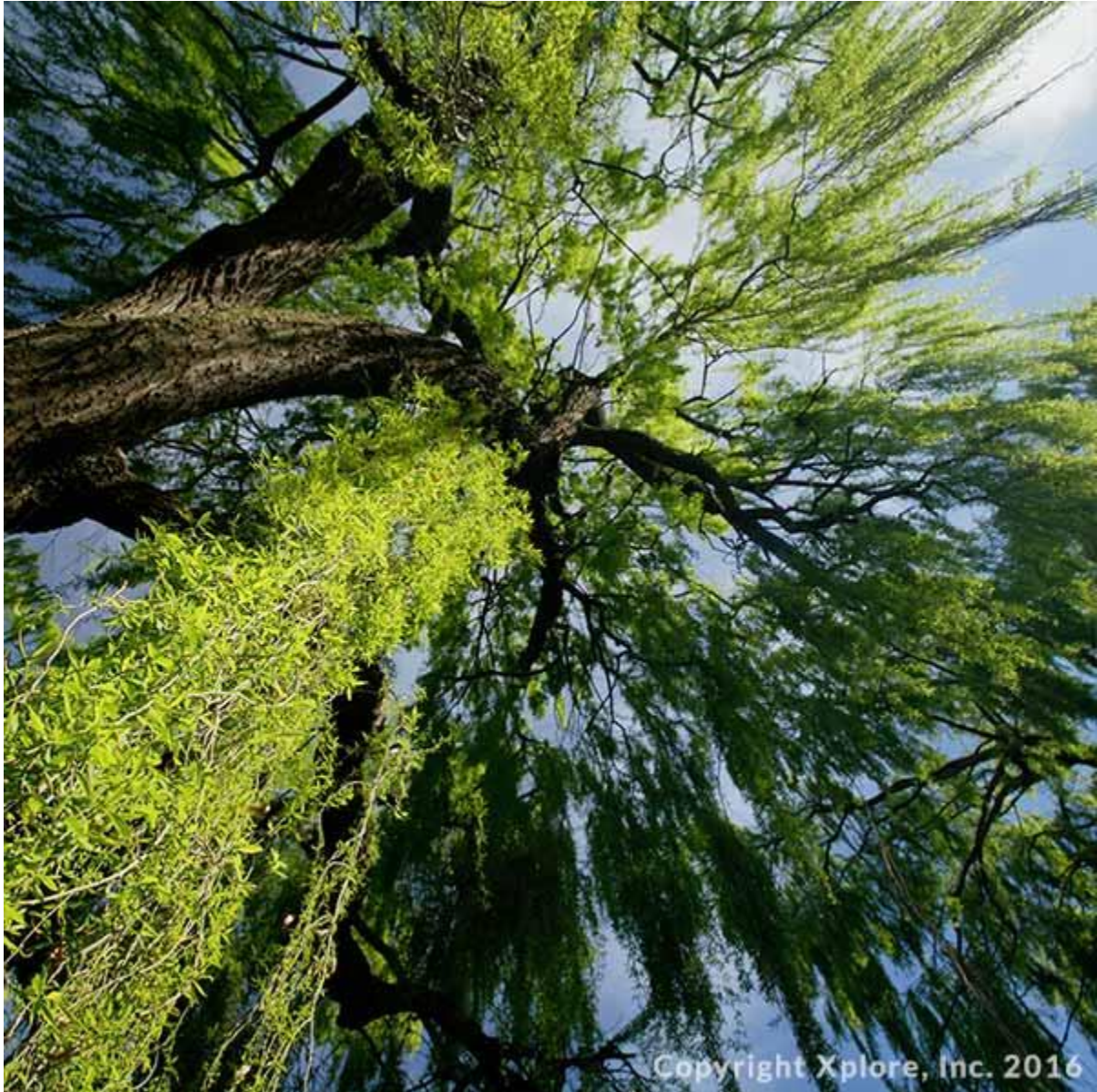
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No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.*Aesop*



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Love cures people - both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it.*Karl A. Menninger*



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Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt.
Dance like nobody's watching. *Satchel Paige*



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It is far better to be alone, than to be in bad company. *George Washington*

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If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.
Napoleon Hill

78

Permanence, perseverance and persistence in spite of all obstacles, discouragements, and impossibilities: It is this, that in all things distinguishes the strong soul from the weak.

Thomas Carlyle

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Independence is happiness.

Susan B. Anthony

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The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.

Sun Tzu

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Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you.

Walt Whitman

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Being entirely honest with oneself is a good exercise. Sigmund Freud

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Happiness can exist only in acceptance.

George Orwell

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Love has no age, no limit; and no death.

John Galsworthy

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You can't blame gravity for falling in love.

Albert Einstein

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There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self.

Aldous Huxley

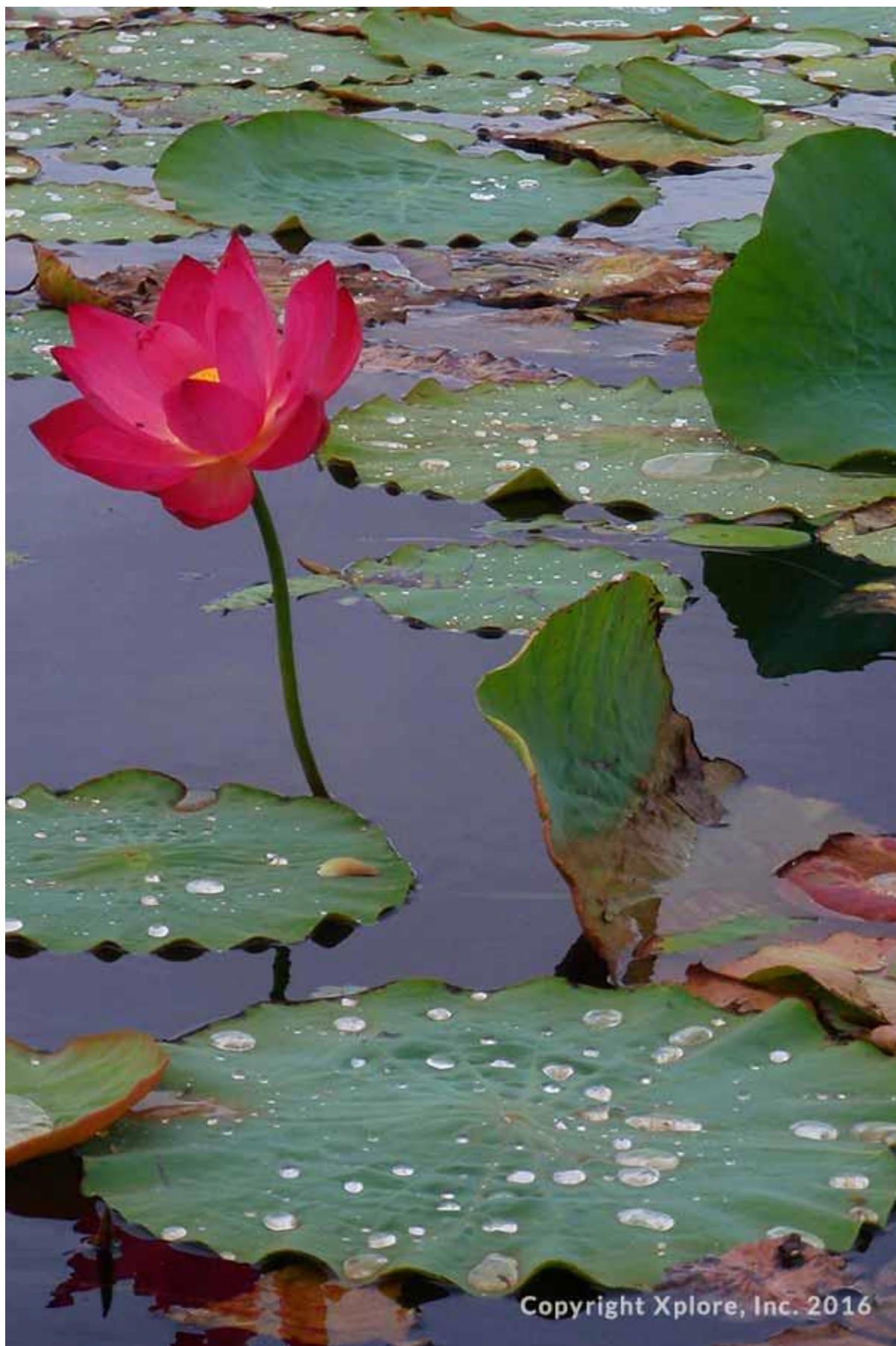
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Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.

Thomas Jefferson

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The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.



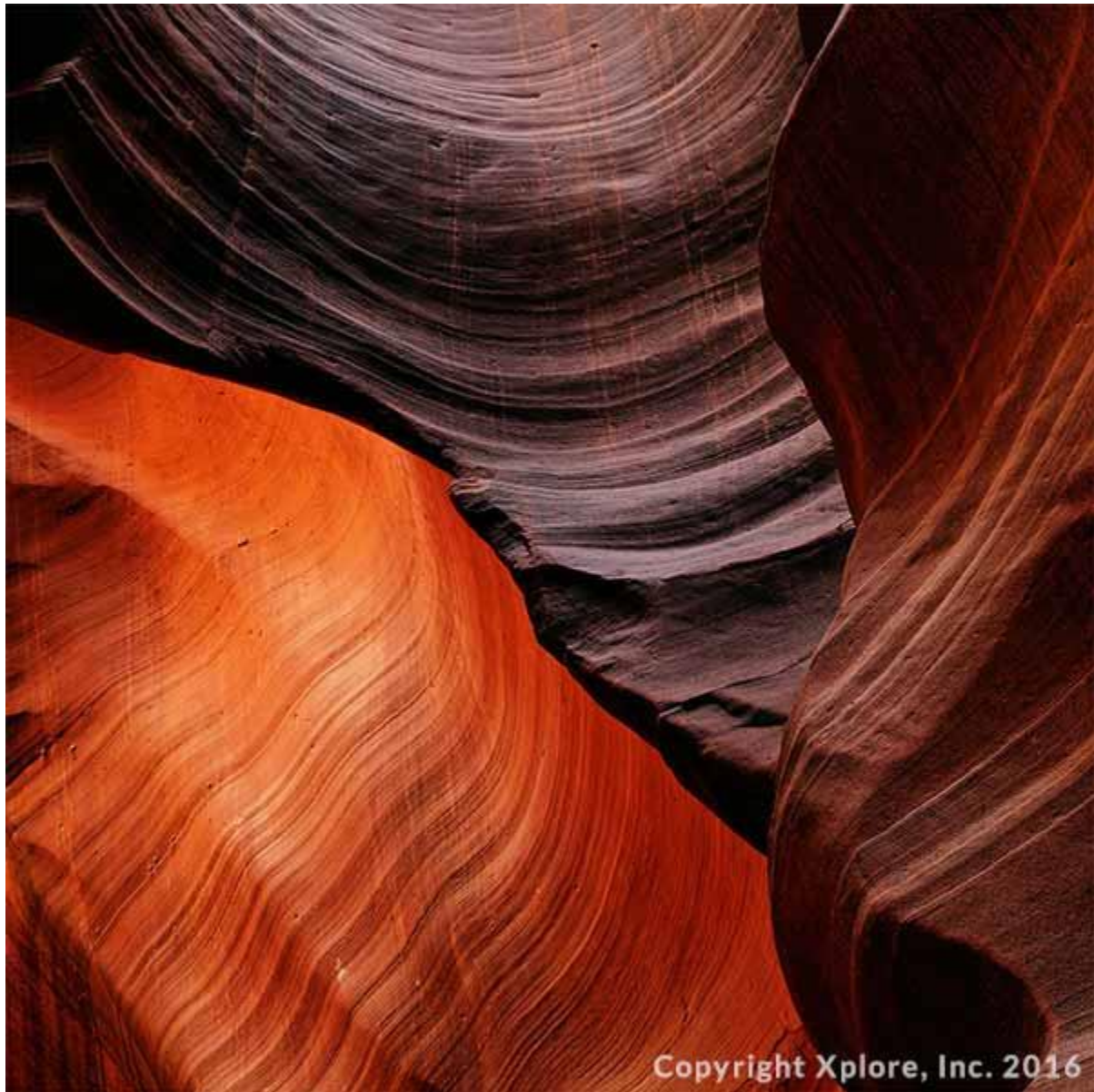
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God gave us the gift of life; it is up to us to give ourselves the gift of living well. *Voltaire*



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Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. *Edward Everett Hale*



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Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without
delay. *Simone de Beauvoir*



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Not all those who wander are lost.*J. R. R. Tolkien*

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Whoever is happy will make others happy too.

Anne Frank

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I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.

Thomas A. Edison

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Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin

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There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.

Thomas Aquinas

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A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.

John C. Maxwell

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Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking.

Marcus Aurelius

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*There is only one happiness in this life, to love and
be loved.* George Sand

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If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

Milton Berle

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The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

Mark Twain

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Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

Marcel Proust

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Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.

Margaret Mead

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Wise men speak because they have something to say; Fools because they have to say something.

Plato

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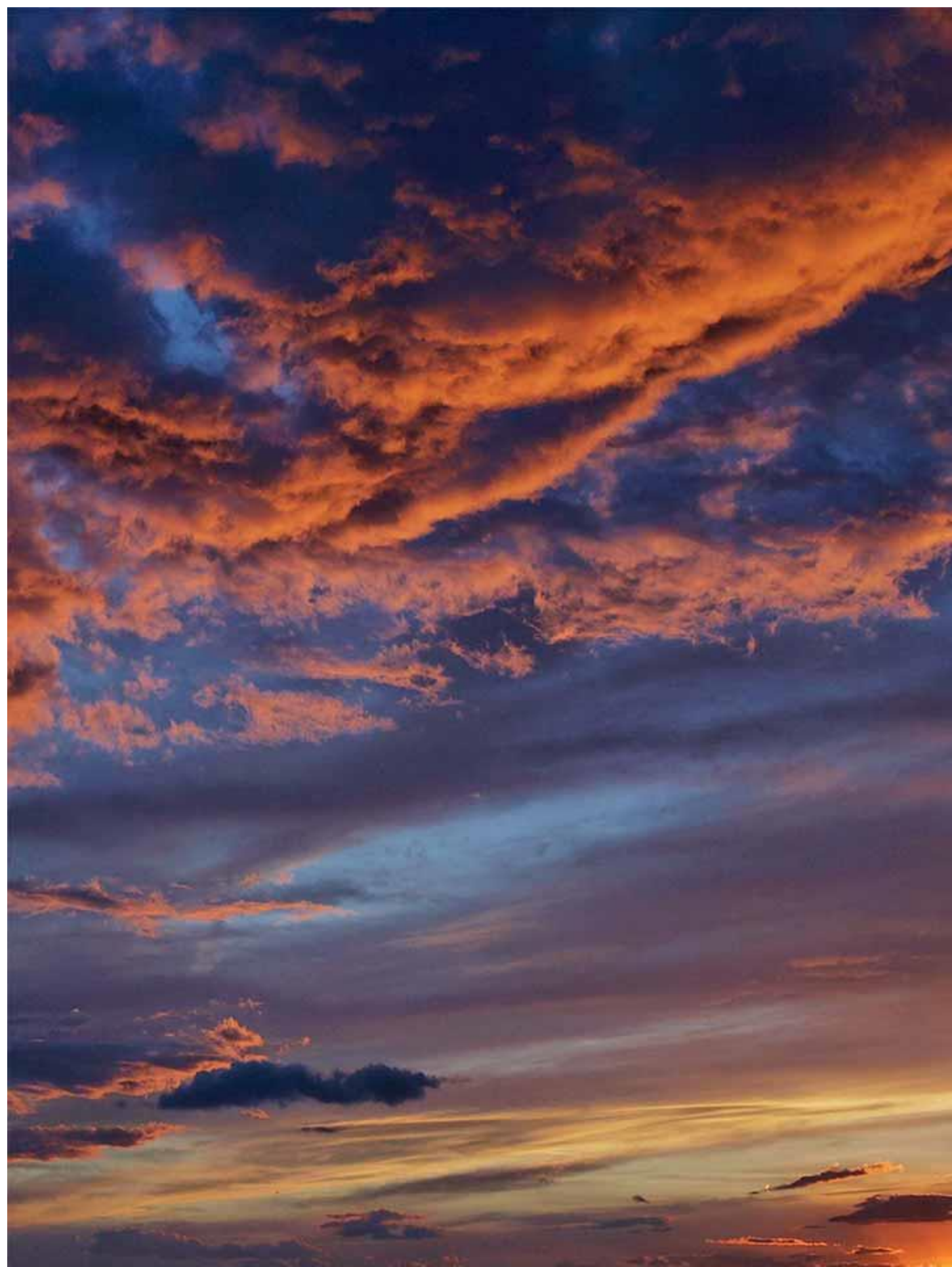
The World is my country, all mankind are my brethren, and to do good is my religion.

Thomas Paine

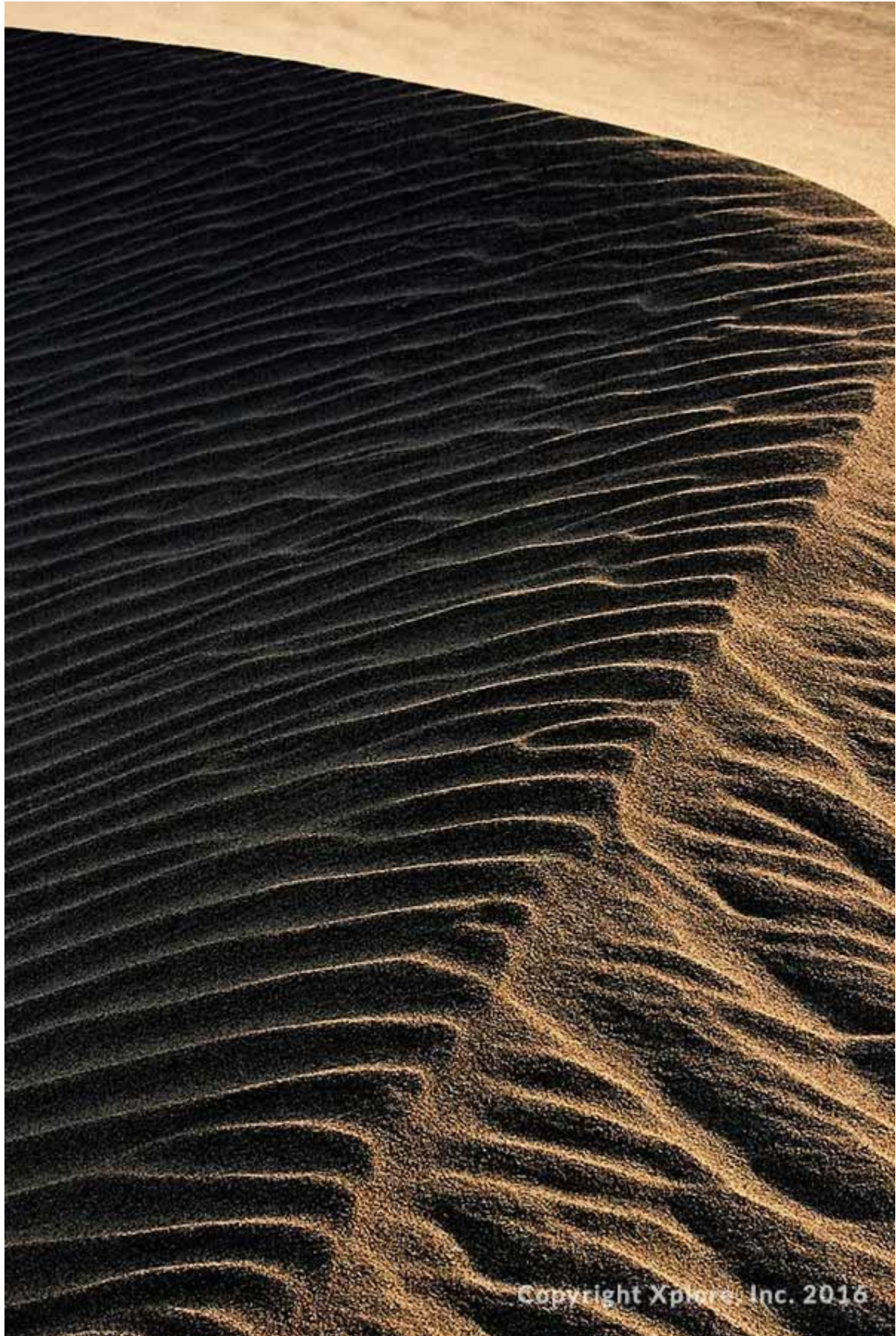


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When we are no longer able to change a situation - we are challenged to
change ourselves. *Viktor E. Frankl*



Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines.*Robert H. Schuller*



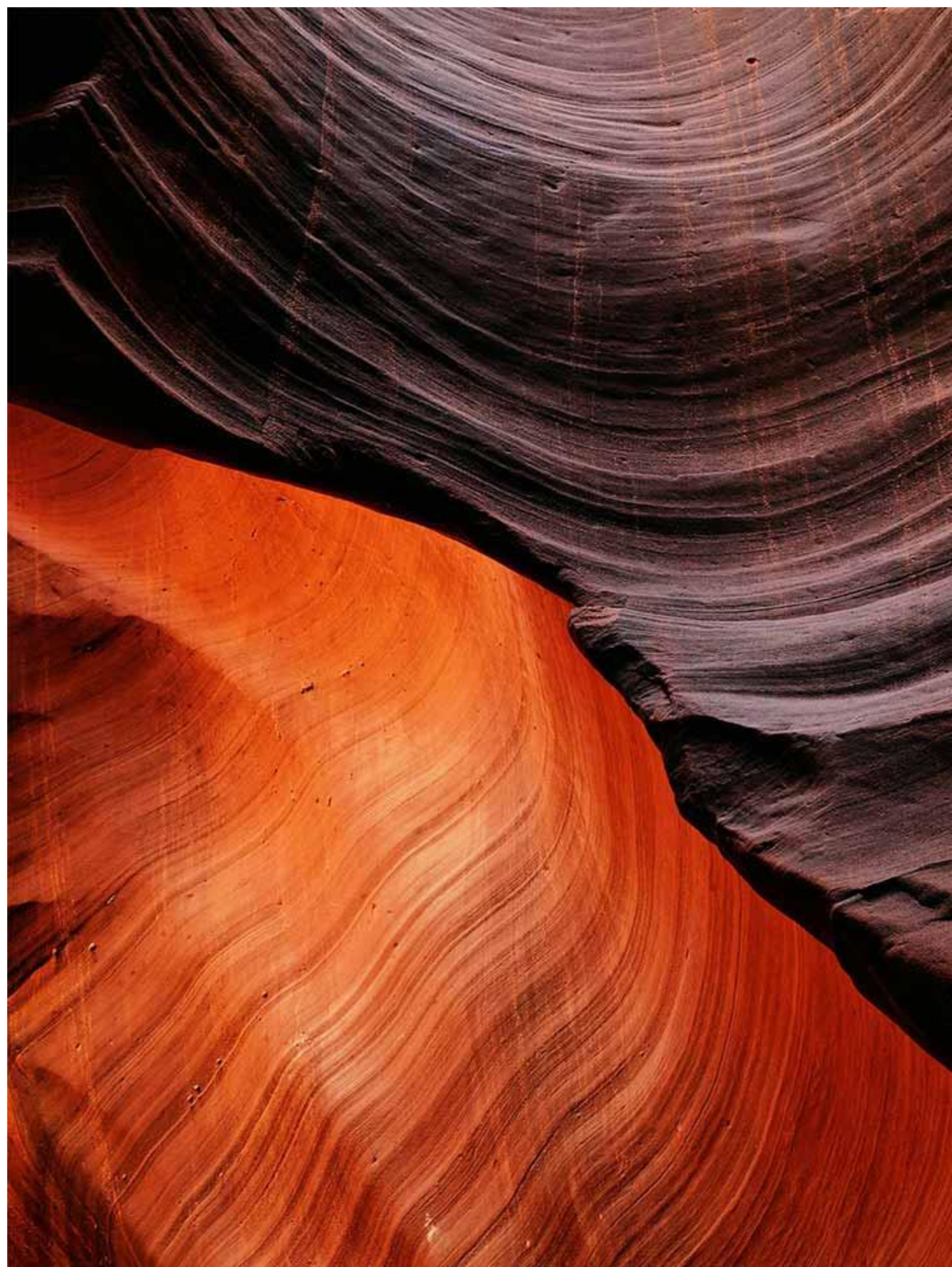
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What we achieve inwardly will change outer reality.*Plutarch*



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Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.*Mother Teresa*



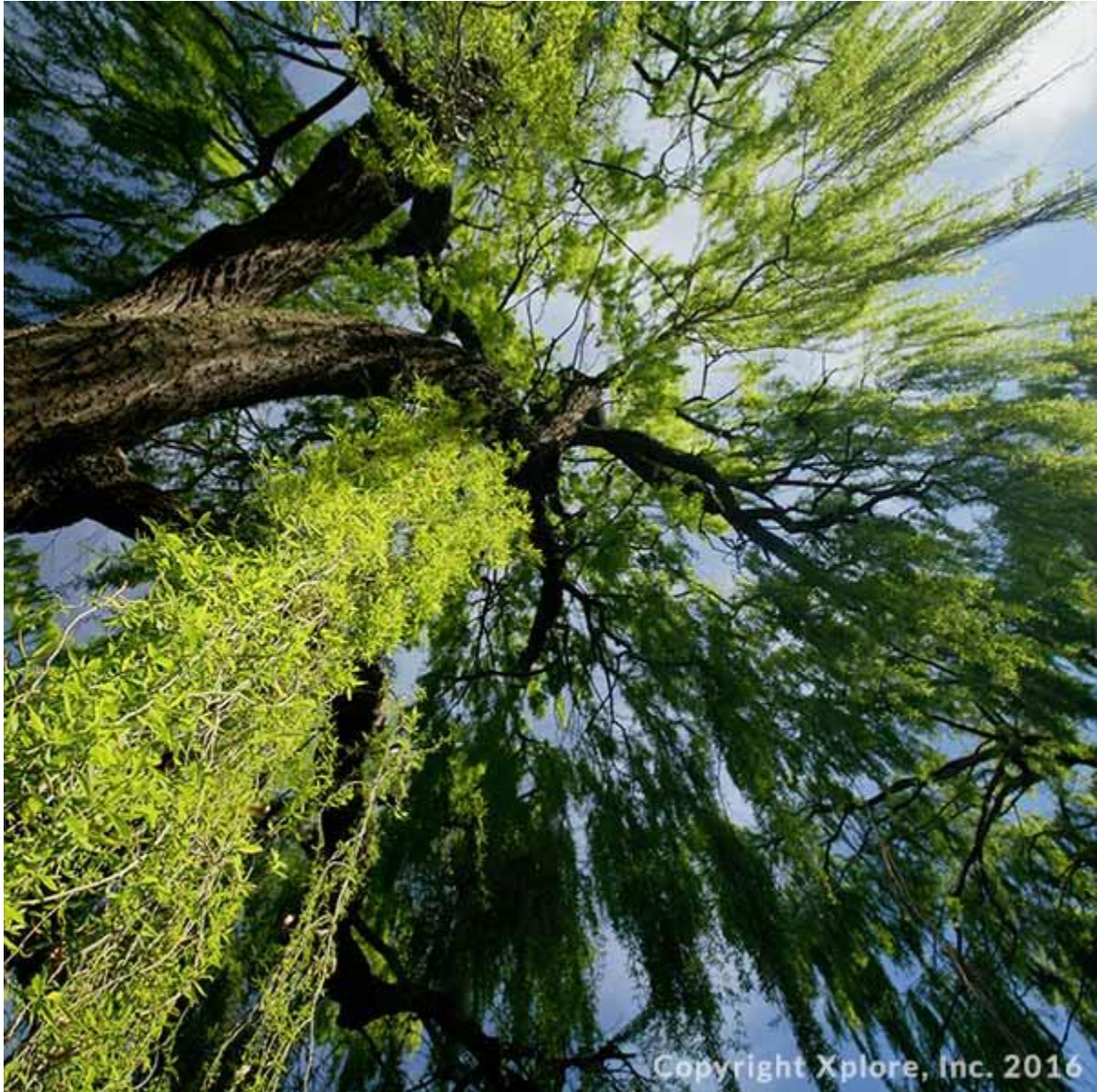
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We love life, not because we are used to living but because we are used to loving. *Friedrich Nietzsche*



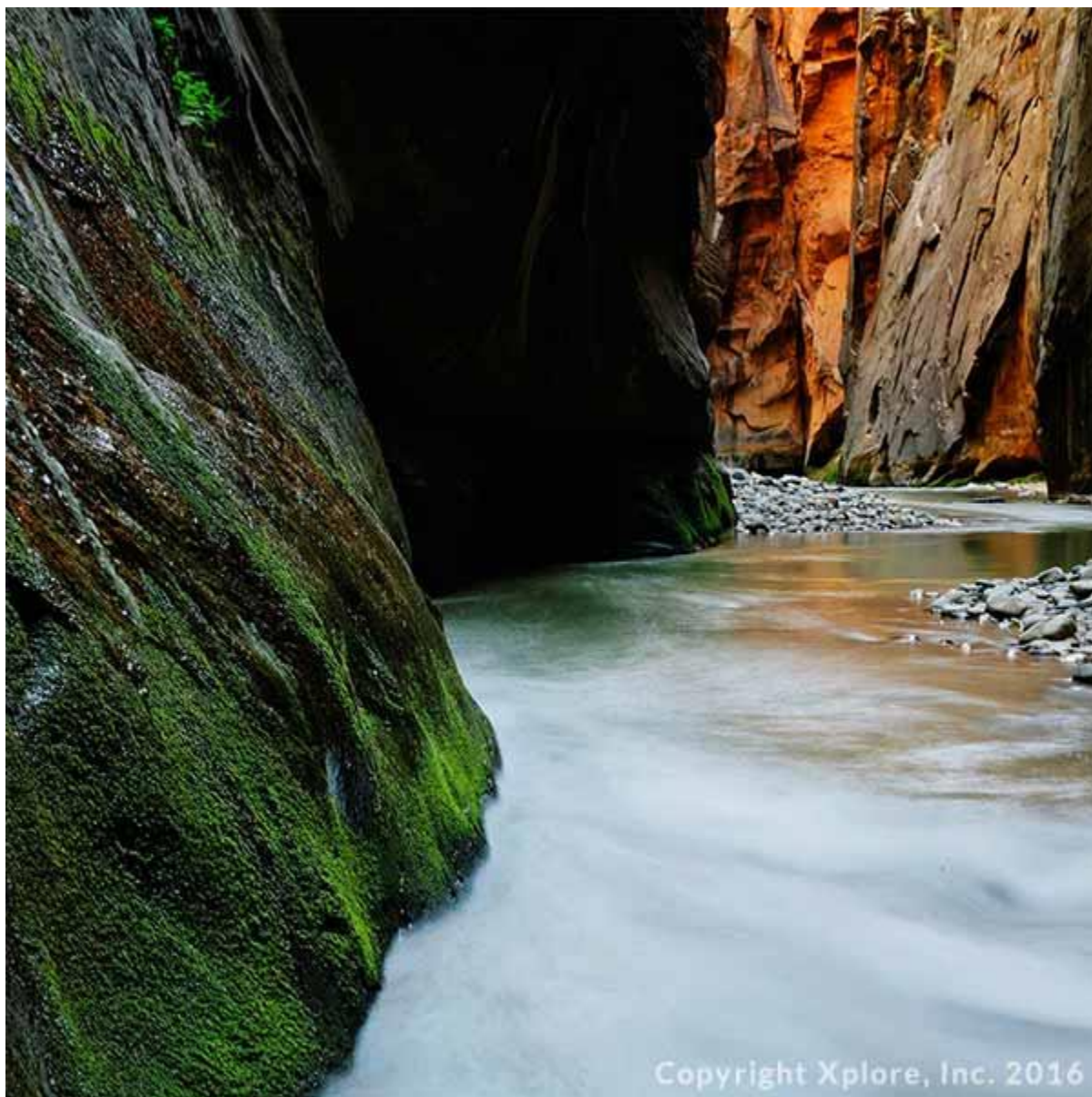
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All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them. *Walt Disney*



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We know what we are, but know not what we may be. *William Shakespeare*



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It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see. *Henry David Thoreau*

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A single rose can be my garden... a single friend, my world.
Leo Buscaglia

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Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life - think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success.

Swami Vivekananda

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Friends show their love in times of trouble, not in happiness.

Euripides

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You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.

Desmond Tutu

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Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced.

Soren Kierkegaard

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Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself. George Bernard Shaw

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The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.

Socrates

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Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it. Confucius

*A kiss is a lovely trick designed by nature to stop
speech when words become superfluous.*

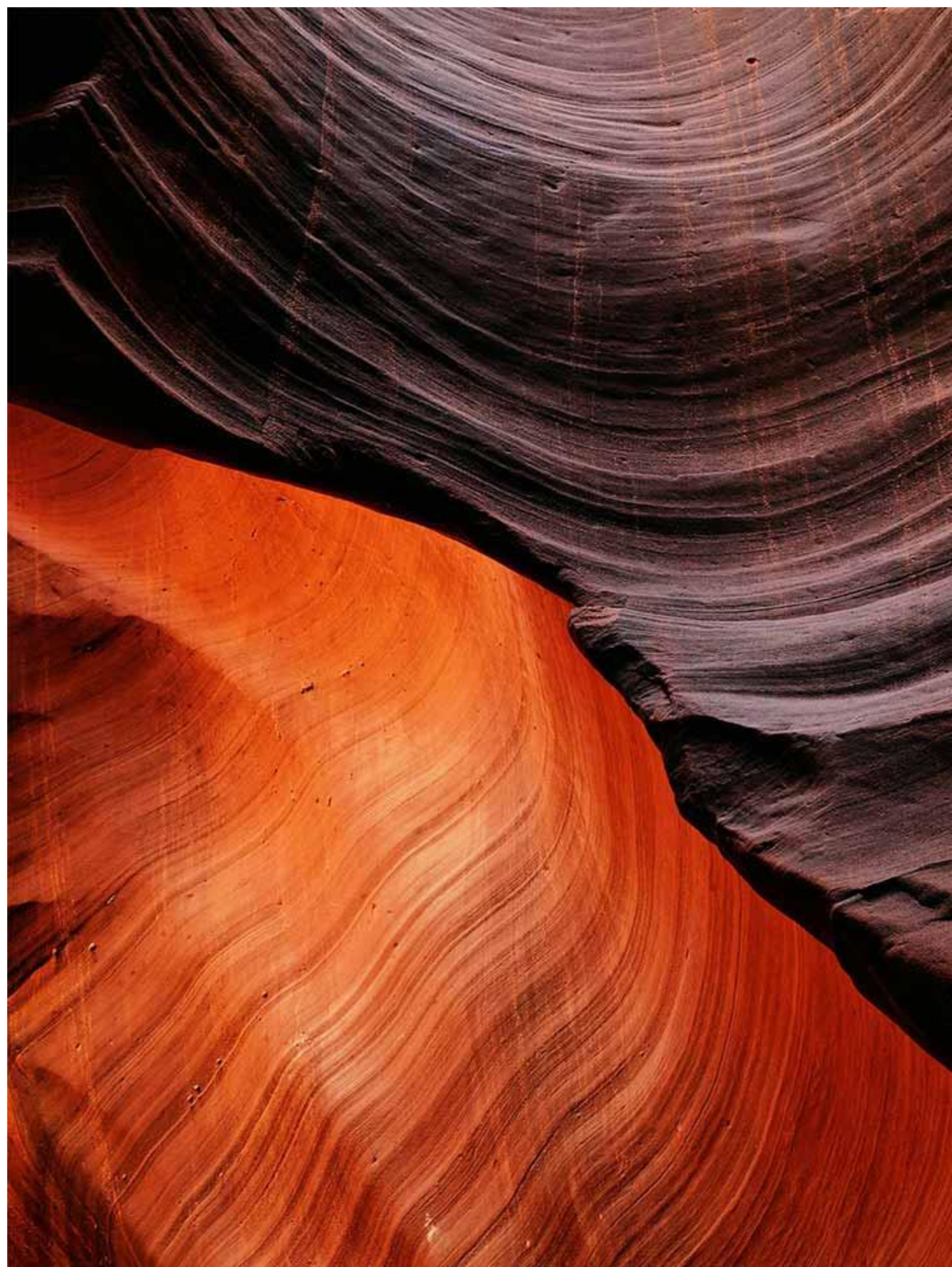
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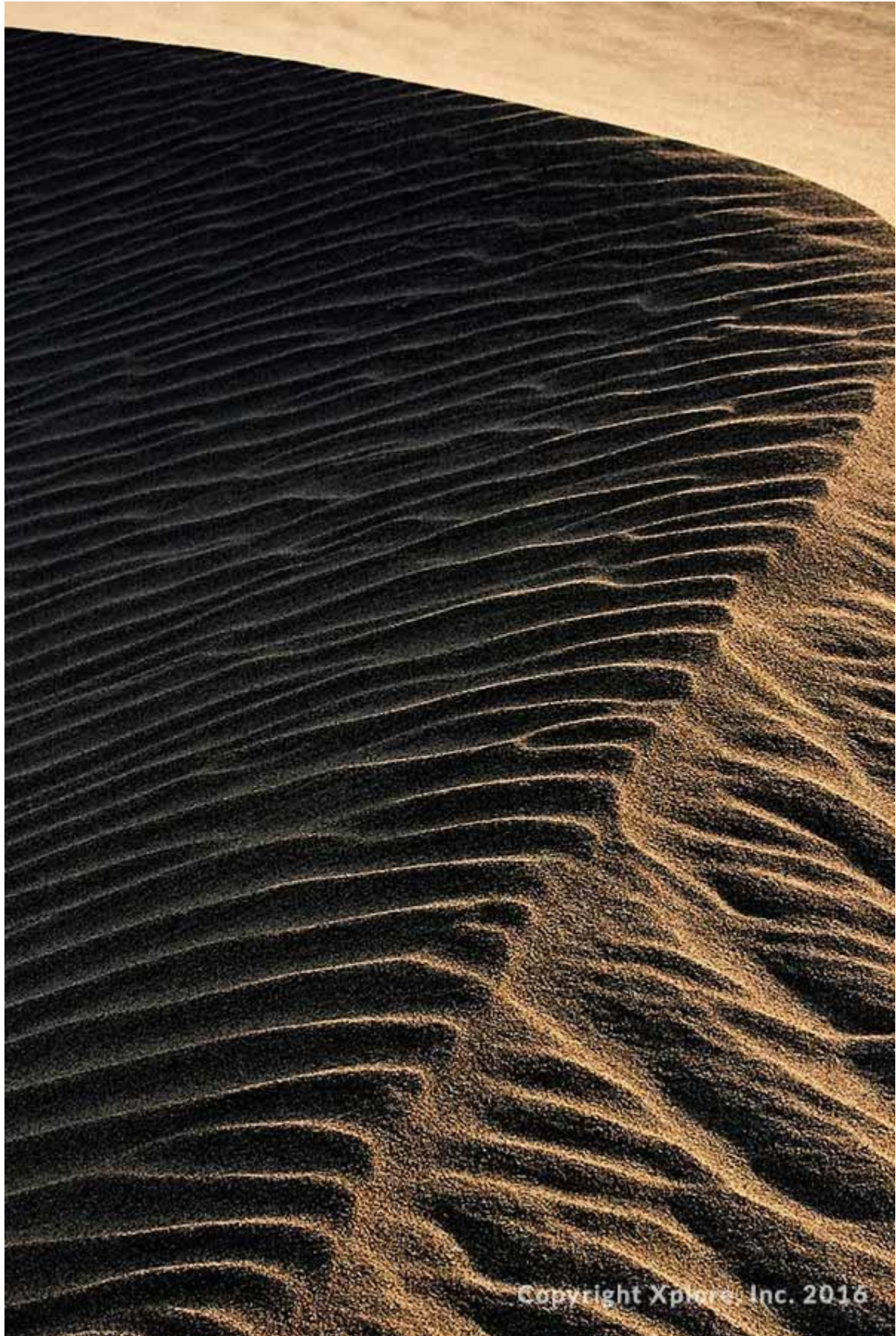


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For it was not into my ear you whispered, but into my heart. It was not
my lips you kissed, but my soul.*Judy Garland*



If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day
so I never have to live without you. *A. A. Milne*



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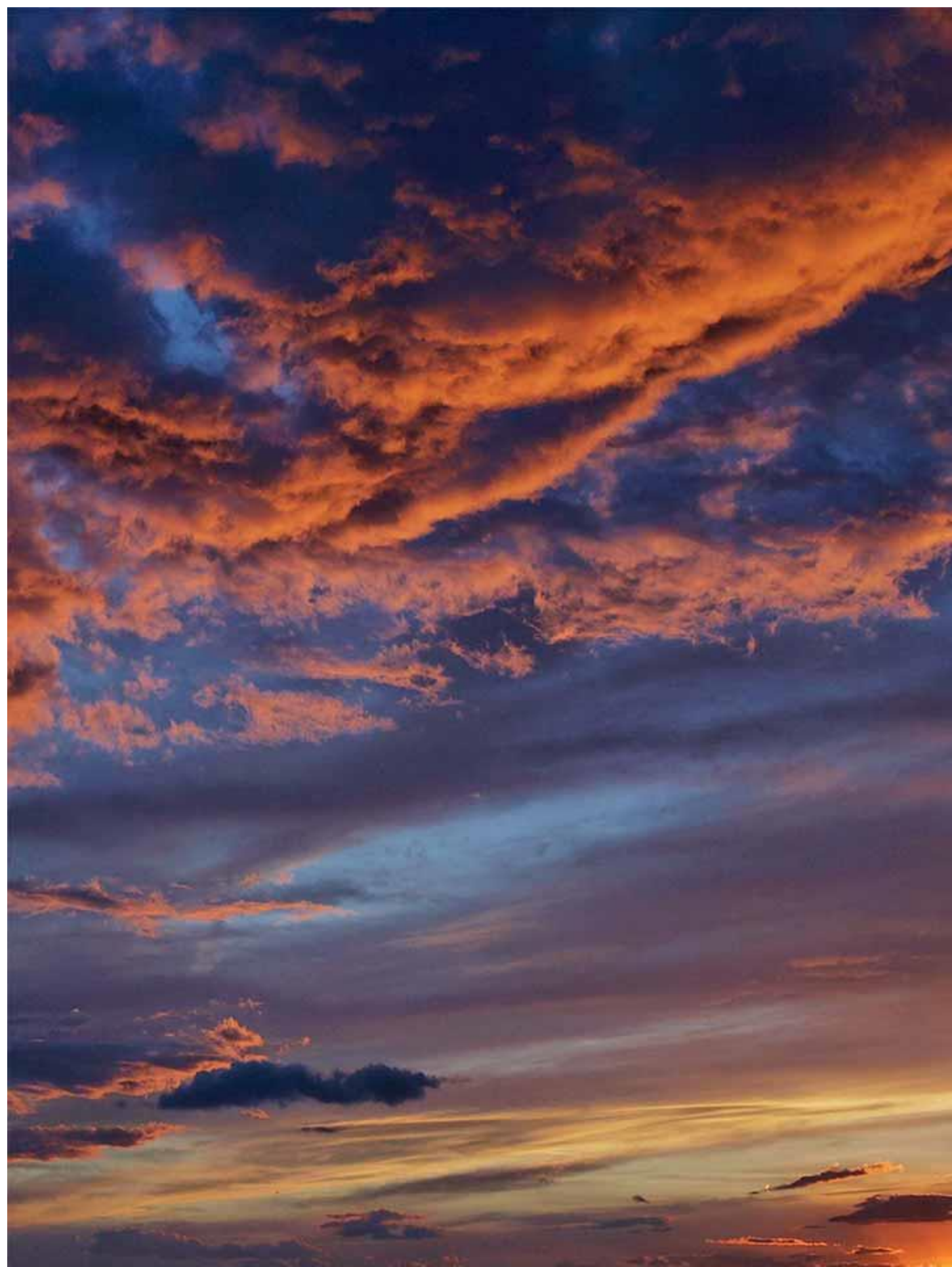
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As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. *John F. Kennedy*



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Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' *Martin Luther King, Jr.*



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Believe you can and you're halfway there. *Theodore Roosevelt*



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Happiness resides not in possessions, and not in gold, happiness dwells
in the soul. *Democritus*



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The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails. *William Arthur Ward*



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The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.*Eleanor Roosevelt*

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Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you!

Dr. Seuss

20

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

19

Change your thoughts and you change your world.

Norman Vincent Peale

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In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on.

Robert Frost

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Love isn't something you find. Love is something that finds you.

Loretta Young

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Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.

Albert Camus

15

Do all things with love.

Og Mandino

14

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.

Winston Churchill

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Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.

Aristotle

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Where there is love there is life.

Mahatma Gandhi

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One of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and to be understood. Lucius

Annaeus Seneca

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The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

Edmund Burke

8

Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present

moment. Buddha

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Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.

Robert Louis Stevenson

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Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'!

Audrey Hepburn

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Find a place inside where there's joy, and the joy will burn out the pain.

Joseph Campbell

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Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.

Maya

Angelou

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It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.

Aristotle

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Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead. Oscar

Wilde

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The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller

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Great quotes can be inspirational and motivational. You can use quotes to help guide your decisions in life, work and love. Here are 50 of the best inspirational quotes to motivate you:

1. Nothing is impossible, the word itself says "I'm possible"! —Audrey Hepburn
2. I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. —Maya Angelou
3. Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right. —Henry Ford
4. Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence. —Vince Lombardi
5. Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. —Charles Swindoll

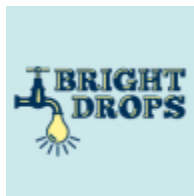
6. If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough. —Oprah Winfrey
7. Remember no one can make you feel inferior without your consent. —Eleanor Roosevelt
8. I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination. —Jimmy Dean
9. Believe you can and you're halfway there. —Theodore Roosevelt
10. To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart. —Eleanor Roosevelt
11. Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears. —Les Brown
12. Do or do not. There is no try. —Yoda
13. Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve. —Napoleon Hill
14. Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover. —Mark Twain
15. I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed. —Michael Jordan
16. Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value. —Albert Einstein
17. I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions. —Stephen Covey
18. When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it. —Henry Ford
19. The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. —Alice Walker
20. The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. —Amelia Earhart
21. It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light. —Aristotle Onassis
22. Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. —Robert Louis Stevenson
23. The only way to do great work is to love what you do. —Steve Jobs

24. Change your thoughts and you change your world. —Norman Vincent Peale
25. The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me. —Ayn Rand
26. If you hear a voice within you say "you cannot paint," then by all means paint and that voice will be silenced. —Vincent Van Gogh
27. Build your own dreams, or someone else will hire you to build theirs. —Farrah Gray
28. Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck. —Dalai Lama
29. You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have. —Maya Angelou
30. I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear. —Rosa Parks
31. I would rather die of passion than of boredom. —Vincent van Gogh
32. A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty. —Unknown
33. A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new. —Albert Einstein
34. What's money? A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and goes to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do. —Bob Dylan
35. I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do. —Leonardo da Vinci
36. If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else. —Booker T. Washington
37. Limitations live only in our minds. But if we use our imaginations, our possibilities become limitless. —Jamie Paolinetti
38. If you're offered a seat on a rocket ship, don't ask what seat! Just get on. —Sheryl Sandberg
39. Certain things catch your eye, but pursue only those that capture the heart. —Ancient Indian Proverb
40. When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us. —Helen Keller
41. Everything has beauty, but not everyone can see. —Confucius

42. How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. —Anne Frank
43. When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down “happy”. They told me I didn’t understand the assignment, and I told them they didn’t understand life. —John Lennon
44. The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be. —Ralph Waldo Emerson
45. We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone. —Ronald Reagan
46. Everything you’ve ever wanted is on the other side of fear. —George Addair
47. We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light. —Plato
48. Nothing will work unless you do. —Maya Angelou
49. I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples. —Mother Teresa
50. What we achieve inwardly will change outer reality. —Plutarch

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65 Most Inspirational Quotes of All-Time



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Here they are, the most inspirational quotes ever uttered, sure to stir you and get you moving through the day.

Whether you feel stuck or just need a good dose of inspiration from great minds, these should do the trick. Be sure to feed your brain inspiring quotes and phrases daily, since it needs to be fed regularly just like the rest of your body.

1. Winston Churchill Tells How to Be a Success

“Success is going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.” ~Winston Churchill | [Tweet this](#)

Getting knocked around by failures is never fun or easy, but this advice from Churchill reminds us that it's vital that you remain enthusiastic when facing your next venture, or you can expect more of the same. It's not an easy task, but it's clear to see that if you let your defeats get you down you only make it harder to get that next success under your belt. Make an effort to get enthusiastic about your current endeavor, regardless of how many times you've fallen short in the past. This is sure to result in a success or two, which builds momentum and makes it easier to get excited about what you'll do next.

2. Lao Tzu on Taking That First Step

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.” ~Lao Tzu | [Tweet this](#)

Each step you take toward a bigger goal might not seem like much. It may seem like you're not really doing much at all. This will be especially true of any outside observers. Others might think you're not getting anywhere, that you're not getting anything done. That's why you have to have a lot of confidence in where you're going. You need to be clear about where you want to end up so that you have the conviction that the small steps you are taking will eventually get you to where you want to be, and you can squash any naysayers.

3. Norman Vaughan on Big Dreams

“Dream big and dare to fail.” ~Norman Vaughan | [Tweet this](#)

Having small dreams and being afraid to fail is the antithesis of this advice, and it's something many of us do, even though we may not want to admit it. The two go hand in hand, if you are too afraid of failing you'll keep your dreams on a leash. But if you overcome that fear, and jump out there fully willing to completely fail, you free your mind to dream up new adventures and goals for your life. Failure comes with trying, and a life of not trying will not leave you satisfied, so it's good to continually put yourself out there.

4. Emerson on the Importance of Action

“What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say.” ~Ralph Waldo Emerson | [Tweet this](#)

Here's a take on the “Actions speak louder than words. adage. It's true that words can often be contradicted by the actions we take. This may be because words are easy to spew out, but you can only perform so many actions in a day. Actions must be more thought out and are a more accurate measure of what you really intend to do. Make sure to choose your actions wisely, as others will come

to their conclusions about you based on what you do rather than what you say. Many times there is a big discrepancy between what is said and what is done, which is why what you do matters more.

5. Gandhi on How to Change the World

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”
~Gandhi | [Tweet this](#)

It's easy to get frustrated by all the violence and pain being experienced around the world, and even easier to feel helpless about it. But rather than sitting around waiting for the world to change, it's better to start making changes within your own sphere of influence. The theory behind this quote is that if everyone tended to their own selves the world would be the way we all want it to be. What can you do today that would help make the world around you a better place? By making the changes you wish the world would make you instantly and automatically make the world better.

6. Dr. Robert Schuller on Being Tough

“Tough times never last, but tough people do.” ~Dr. Robert Schuller | [Tweet this](#)

It's true that even the toughest of times don't last forever, and as long as you remain strong you'll make it through and be able to weather whatever storms come your way. The human spirit has shown that it's capable of making it through tough times, and getting to the end of the tunnel. The best part of dealing with adversity is that it toughens you up for the next trial in your life. Knowing that you're only getting better with each new struggle can be an inspiration during those times when you feel like giving up. Being a tough person doesn't mean you have to be callous, it just means you have an inner strength that's battle-tested.

7. Helen Keller on Keeping the Best Outlook

“Keep your face to the sunshine and you can never see the shadow.” ~Helen Keller | [Tweet this](#)

As long as you're looking on the bright side of things you'll be ignoring the not-so-good things in your life. What you give attention to grows, so if you're focusing on what's wrong in your life you'll just get more of it to focus on. But if you focus on what's right in your life, what makes you happy, what you're grateful for, and why things are so fantastic for you, you'll only get more of the same to be happy and grateful for. Some days are easier to face towards the sunshine than others, but it's always there, you just have to try harder during hard times.

8. Christopher Morley on the One True Success

“There is only one success: to be able to spend your life in your own way.” ~Christopher Morley | [Tweet this](#)

It's your life, your one and only life, and it would be a shame to spend it in a way that doesn't suit you. But many of us wish that things were different. Either we're unsatisfied with our jobs, or our relationships, or just the way things are going. It's vital to your overall success to make changes as you see fit so that you can have your life be the way you really want it to be. It's the foundation to all other

success, and you can't really have a different success without first tending to this matter.

9. Robert Frost on Making It Through Tough Times

“The best way out is always through.” ~Robert Frost | [Tweet this](#)

If you're in a tough spot it's tempting to think of a clever way around it, but this serves as a reminder to just take the most direct route: through. You'll find that a funny thing happens when you make up your mind to barrel through whatever dilemma you're facing. Everything starts shifting when you stop hemming and hawing and finally decide to take actions to make your way through. It's a way to get yourself on board with the idea of sticking it out and making it through, and when you stop the internal bickering you start to use your full potential to solve the problem at hand.

10. John Muir Reminds Us of Our Own Power

“The power of imagination makes us infinite.” ~John Muir
| [Tweet this](#)

You use your imagination each day, even if you think you don't. No matter how big or small your accomplishments today, it all began in your imagination. You can use it as much or as little as you want, but it's the starting point for everything that happens in your life, from what you eat, to what you wear, to what you do. It all begins as pictures in your mind. Be sure to harness the full power of your imagination to dream up bigger and better things for yourself. It's the part of you that taps into the infiniteness of the universe, so don't neglect it.

11. John Wooden Constructing a Masterpiece

“Make each day your masterpiece.” ~John Wooden | [Tweet this](#)

It's easy to lose sight of the importance of each day, because we seem to have so many of them. But it's been said that a single day serves as a microcosm of your life, so be sure to spend your days in a way that embodies the way you want to live your life. At the end of it all your life will boil down to the accumulation of all of your days, and will serve as your masterpiece, so be sure to spend time each day chiseling the great sculpture that is your life. Treat each day the same, don't write off days as being “bad, they still count towards the total work of art.

12. Cherie Gilderbloom on Dreaming While Awake

“The best dreams happen when you’re awake.” ~Cherie Gilderbloom | [Tweet this](#)

Living a life that feels like a dream is the ultimate goal, isn't it? You don't want to save your best experiences for dreams experienced while you're sleeping, because as tantalizing as they are they aren't real. Having real moment in life

that feel surreal and dreamlike is a wonderful thing to have, and the good news is that you can create this with focus and determination by making it your goal. Pick something you think would be a dream to be, do, or have, and then put all of your resources into attaining it. When you get there once you'll be hooked, and you'll want to move onto the next dreamlike moment.

13. Christopher Reeve and the Power of Hope

“Once you choose hope, anything’s possible.” ~Christopher Reeve | [Tweet this](#)

The opposite of this quote is also true, once you give up hope or choose hopelessness, nothing's possible. Hope is the feeling that things will somehow get better, that they will somehow work out. You don't even have to know how it will happen, but it's the believe or even the wish that it will. That's why it's never a good idea to give up hope because you just don't know how things will pan out. When going about your day it's better to feel hopeful about the things you're working on, or the task at hand. If you have hope, it's quite possible that it can all turn out for the best.

14. T.S. Eliot on Starting Anew

“Every moment is a fresh beginning.” ~T.S. Eliot | [Tweet this](#)

It's interesting to think that you can start anew with each passing moment. You can let go of the past, let go of whatever is holding you back, and start again, doing whatever it is you want to do. It's refreshing to know that the present is not entirely enmeshed in the past, and your future is being created moment by moment. If you've been mired in doubt and hesitation to start a new project or to mend a relationship because of things that have happened to you in the past, remember that this moment is totally new and you can move in the direction you want to go.

15. Charles Kettering on Failure as an Impossibility

“Believe and act as if it were impossible to fail.” ~Charles
Kettering | [Tweet this](#)

What a great way to greet the world! Acting might come before believing on this one, as it's not an easy task to believe that it's impossible to fail. It might be a case of faking it until you make it, taking bold actions as if you really believe that you can't fail, and then building up your confidence and your belief that you really can't. Even if things don't work out you still infused them with the right energy, rather than taking a defeatist approach that it probably wouldn't work. It means

you'll try bigger and bolder things than if you are doubting yourself the whole time.

16. Muhammad Ali on Counting Days

“Don’t count the days, make the days count.” ~Muhammad Ali
| [Tweet this](#)

It can be dangerous to start counting down your days, because you want to make each one count. But many times there will be an event coming up that makes you

start counting down how many days until it arrives. But each day between now and then is important, and you don't want to breeze over any part of your life just to get to the next, seemingly better part. Putting the most of yourself into each day will make it so you never have any regrets about how you spent your time here, and you'll know that you really did make it count each day.

17. Jimmy Johnson on Giving That Little Extra

“The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.” ~Jimmy Johnson | [Tweet this](#)

This is a cute way of pointing out the difference between what makes things extraordinary rather than ordinary. It really is a matter of a few degrees, going that little bit further to push things past the point of regularity. The key is that you want to always strive for the extraordinary. Doing a few extraordinary things might make you complacent, and ready to rest on your laurels. But then you run the risk of slipping back into ordinary behaviors. Always ask yourself if what you're doing is ordinary or extraordinary and then give that little extra if needed.

18. Henry David Thoreau on Hitting the Target

“You must not only aim right, but draw the bow with all your might.” ~Henry David Thoreau | [Tweet this](#)

Thoreau points out that it's not enough to get yourself focused in the right direction, but also to give as much effort as possible to propel yourself forward. The situation can arise where you know exactly where you want to go, but you just can't muster up the motivation to build up the momentum to get you there. Another point to consider is that you can spend a lot of energy and give a lot of action, but if you're not pointed in the right direction you won't end up where you want to be. Both are necessary for true success and progress.

19. Elizabeth Barrett Browning on How to Use Today

“Light tomorrow with today.” ~Elizabeth Barrett Browning
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Today is your opportunity to make your tomorrow better. If you think of it from the point that your today is the result of your yesterdays, it's clear that what you are doing today is either moving you forward or moving you backward. That's why you want to grab today by the horns and make the most of it as you can. Do that enough times and you'll start to see signs that your todays are getting better, which only sets you up better and better for tomorrow. You can find yourself in negative or positive spiral based on how well you are spending your days.

20. Will Rogers on Keeping on the Right Track

“Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.” ~Will Rogers | [Tweet this](#)

It’s often hard just getting on the right track, but you have to remember that once you’re there it’s no place to idle. You’ve got to not only get on the right track, but move yourself forward along that track once you make it there. If it took you a long time to get on the right track, you may find it daunting to have to still give a strong effort to stay on it. But things get easier as you go along, and once you

have the hang of it it's easy to stay on the right track and keep the pace so you don't get run over.

21. Mary Kay Ash on Overcoming Roadblocks

“When you come to a roadblock, take a detour.” ~Mary Kay Ash | [Tweet this](#)

Sounds easy enough, but it's not our natural instinct. The natural instinct is to either get discouraged and give up, or ram up against the roadblock until we

knock ourselves out. But what's so bad about taking the long way around as long as you get to your final destination. It does take a bit of belief that the detour is still leading you to where you want to go, and it takes mental fortitude to not get sidetracked along the way and lose sight of where you're going. Once you remove time from the equation and give yourself room to breathe you can actually enjoy taking the scenic route to your goals and dreams.

22. Babe Ruth and the Right Mindset

“Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.” ~Babe Ruth | [Tweet this](#)

The Great Bambino struck out over a thousands times in his career, so he saw his fair share of swings and misses. But it mentality was right on. He knew that each time he got a strike, or swung and missed the ball, he was one step closer to knocking it out of the park. This is easy to apply in life rather than baseball, because if you're swinging you're trying, you're attempting to get that hit. And with enough swings and adjustments you'll eventually make contact and get that home run you're wanting. You can never get a home run if you don't swing at the ball.

23. Theodore Roosevelt on the Importance of Belief

“Believe you can and you’re halfway there.” ~Theodore Roosevelt | [Tweet this](#)

The power of belief can’t be overstated, and it’s summed up nicely here. Without belief you’ll never get there, so believing that you can is crucial to the process. Believing that you can do it summons the forces of the universe behind you to help you along. Doubting yourself and whether or not you can do it means that you’ll only give half-hearted effort, and you won’t be nearly as powerful as you could be. Belief can come with time, so don’t feel you have to believe you can do it all, just believe that you can accomplish the first step in getting there.

24. Napoleon Hill Shares the Best Time to Start

“Don’t wait. The time will never be just right.” ~Napoleon Hill
| [Tweet this](#)

It always seems like something’s just not right in order to start something new in your life. But the timing may never be perfect, you just have to get it started so that things can begin to develop. You make things right as you go along, and you tinker with the process to account for what’s not perfect. As things pick up steam and build momentum you’ll realize that the “just right thinking was just an excuse

to delay the start or procrastinate. You'll thank yourself for starting even though it seemed like it wasn't the best time to do so.

25. George Addair on Getting Everything You Want

“Everything you’ve ever wanted is on the other side of fear.”
~George Addair | [Tweet this](#)

Imagine there's a door marked Fear and behind that door is all of the things you've wished for all of your life. You try to open the door and it's locked. The key is overcoming that fear so that you can have the things you want and be the person you've always wanted to be. Fear is a tricky demon to exorcise. It's different for each of us, and isn't always a very strong feeling. It is sometimes a low-level vibration, that slight underlying feeling of dread that bubbles up when thinking of doing something new or venturing into the unknown.

26. Karen Lamb on Getting Started Today

“A year from now you may wish you had started today.”
~Karen Lamb | [Tweet this](#)

What things did you start a year ago that you're glad you started back then? If nothing comes to mind it's high time you start something today that you can be proud of a year from now. If you've already got something in the works, project things out a year from now and imagine how excited you'll be that you already got it going. A year is a long enough time to see some real progress in your efforts, and you are often enjoying the fruits of your labors from a year ago or more. Start something today if you don't have any irons in the fires.

27. George Eliot on Staying Optimistic

“It is never too late to be what you might have been.” ~George Eliot | [Tweet this](#)

As long as you're alive it's not too late to become the person you really want to be. No matter how bad you might have screwed things up in the past, or no matter how far off course you've gotten from what you really want to do, you can always turn it around. It doesn't take an overhaul in most cases. You can start taking steps towards being what you might have been today. Start implementing little actions into your daily routine to make up for the gap between where you are and where you want to be.

28. Roger Staubach on the Benefit of Giving More

“There are no traffic jams along the extra mile.” ~Roger Staubach | [Tweet this](#)

Not many people go the extra mile, which makes it easy for the rest of us to get to where we want to go. They say it's lonely at the top, and this is because few people ever make it that far. Going the extra mile is part of that process, and it's

a habit you can start getting into right away if it's not currently a part of your makeup. Try it out on a small scale in your personal relationships, or at your current job. As you make it a habit you'll notice more and more opportunities to go above and beyond, and you'll be able to accomplish more and more.

29. Teddy Roosevelt on How and Where to Start

“Do what you can, where you are, with what you have.”
~Teddy Roosevelt | [Tweet this](#)

This is a great way to look around you and see what it is you can do with the resources you have on hand right now. Don't say things like "if only I had this..." or "I need to do that before I can do that..." as these are just clever ways of putting things off to a future point that never comes. The fact is there are things you could be doing right now that will further your endeavors. Work on those and everything will start to fall in place, you'll be where you need to be, and you'll have what you need to have to get bigger things done.

30. John Madden on Getting to Easy Street

“The road to Easy Street goes through the sewer.” ~John Madden | [Tweet this](#)

It's often enticing to dream of Easy Street as having finally made it. But Madden reminds that it's no picnic getting there, and you have to pay your dues. Things do become easier, but you may have to put up with a lot of stinky situations before getting there. Most people will give up before getting there, and spend too much time in the sewer, thinking that Easy Street is just a pipe dream. But the unpleasant parts are just a way of weeding out those that really want the prize from those that only talk about wanting it.

31. Frederick Douglass on What Struggle Means

“If there is no struggle, there is no progress.” ~Frederick Douglass | [Tweet this](#)

Struggle often feels like a lack of progress, so it's nice to turn it on its head and realize that it's actually the way progress is made. If you're not struggling you're probably not challenging yourself enough. The important part is not to let struggle deter you from making that progress. Step one is learning to view struggling as a positive thing, rather than a negative thing. Then you won't be so hard on yourself if you find that you're struggling again. It just means you're learning, growing, and taking on enough to keep you busy.

32. Tim Ferriss on Doing What You Fear

“What we fear doing most is usually what we most need to do.” ~Tim Ferriss | [Tweet this](#)

You can use your fear to point you in the direction of what is most important to you, rather than be hard on yourself for feeling fear in the first place. If you aren't afraid of doing something, it generally means you don't find it very important, or you wouldn't have that fear. In this way fear can help us drill down to the things that we simply must do. Part of that is going to entail getting over that fear, or

learning to live with it so that you can still get the things done that need getting done.

33. Elbert Hubbard on How to Avoid Criticism

“To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.”
~Elbert Hubbard | [Tweet this](#)

It's easy enough to get people to criticize you, just try something, say something, or be something. Most are at home criticizing what others do and say without

offering their own opinions or actions. That's why it's silly to worry about getting criticized. What you should really worry about is not being criticized, because that means you're not putting enough of yourself out there to face the criticism. Over time you'll be able to brush off criticism that has no merit, and learn from the criticism which can help you grow. It's hard at first, because your feelings might get hurt from the initial onslaught, but it does get easier.

34. Richard Bach on What Work Really Means

“The more I want to get something done, the less I call it work.” ~Richard Bach |[Tweet this](#)

Work can be miserable and tedious, or it can be a task you look forward to accomplishing each day. The choice is yours, and if you want to shift your thinking on it, try to develop a strong desire to get it done. This will make it seem more like a game than work, and will give you a strong sense of accomplishment when the day's tasks are complete. You may even feel like you didn't really do any work, because you really wanted to get it done. Trudging along doing work that you don't particularly like can be stifling, so work on wanting to get it done.

35. Albert Einstein on How to See What's Coming

“Your imagination is your preview of life’s coming attractions.”
~Albert Einstein | [Tweet this](#)

If you like watching movie previews before a film, you may like the idea of your imagination acting as your own sneak peek of what to expect. That’s because you dream it up in your brain first before it happens. This can work to your benefit, but also to your detriment, so be sure to use it advantageously and imagine your life the way you want it, rather than the way you don’t want it. If you aren’t actively using your imagination you’ll grow stagnant, and you’ll notice that

your life hasn't really been improving or worsening, just kind of hovering in the same spot.

36. Marsha Sinetar on the Best Way to Make Money

“Do what you love and the money will follow.” ~Marsha Sinetar | [Tweet this](#)

They say you should think of what you want to do when you retire, and start doing it now. That way you'll know that you're doing something you love, and if you do that long enough you should be able to start charging for it. Going after the money is not a good method because you'll typically end up doing work you don't really enjoy just for a paycheck. If you're stuck at a job you don't like make sure that you're doing what you love in your free time so you can eventually replace that income.

37. Gary Player on Hard Work and Luck

“The harder I work, the luckier I get.” ~Gary Player | [Tweet this](#)

It's easy to equate success with luck, but that is often not the case, and those that are seemingly lucky have put in the hard work to get that way. Luck has been described as the moment when preparation meets opportunity, so you have to put in the work to get prepared for the time when opportunity comes knocking. You may have opportunities presented to you but you are not prepared to capitalize on them, and therefore cannot take advantage of that lucky moment. Put in the work and the opportunities will come and you'll be ready for them.

38. Frank Gehry on Bravely Going Forward

“You`ve got to bumble forward into the unknown.” ~Frank Gehry | [Tweet this](#)

The unknown is a scary place, which is why so many stay in their comfort zones. But the unknown is also where all of the fun things in life are created. You have to venture forth, and this quote reminds us that it doesn't have to be pretty when it happens. Bumbling and stumbling is fine as long as you are leaving the familiar behind and pushing forward. You may stub your toe or bump into things, but it's better than remaining still and staying in your safe places. The better you get at being comfortable with the unknown, the more successful you should become.

39. Victor Kiam on What Progress Looks Like Sometimes

“Even if you fall on your face, you’re still moving forward.”
~Victor Kiam | [Tweet this](#)

Here’s some reassurance that falling flat on your face is not the end of the world. It still represents forward progress, even though you won’t get any style points. It’s a reminder that you won’t always have the proper footing, and that you can

recover from any mishap as long as you continue onward. Often it seems that to make progress in our lives we have to be perfect and unerring. But the reality is that the fear of making a mistake can leave us frozen and not moving forward. It's better to lunge forward and risk falling down than not move at all.

40. Dalai Lama on Our True Purpose

“The purpose of our lives is to be happy.” ~Dalai Lama
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The Dalai Lama has a way of saying things that makes it very hard to argue. It can't be stated any plainer than this, and it's easy enough to see if you're currently living out your life's purpose or not. It also makes it clear which things serve your purpose, and which take away from it. If you've been pondering your purpose lately, this is a quick way to get grounded again, and to take an inventory of what's working and what's not in your life. You may find another purpose for your life, but underneath it all is this deeper underlying purpose.

41. James Allen on Being a Dreamer

“The dreamers are the saviors of the world.” ~James Allen
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Those that dare to dream move the world forward. Everything that's ever been accomplished by mankind started off as a dream in someone's mind before it became a reality. That includes the city and country you live in, the house where you reside, and the car that you drive. It's all thanks to the dreamers out there, and you can be one of them, just as long as you make it a priority to dream and then carry out the visions of your dreams. The real saviors are those that dream and then follow through on their dreams with inspired action.

42. Henry David Thoreau on the Cost of Everything

“The price of anything is the amount of life you exchange for it.” ~Henry David Thoreau | [Tweet this](#)

This is true and gives new meaning to the phrase time is money. The reason people have so much emotion wrapped up in money is the time it takes to attain it. When you buy something and exchange money for it, what you're really exchanging is the time it took you to earn the money, so your time is what really paid for everything you have in your life. Looking at money as your life energy will either make you feel better about it, or worse, depending on how much you have and how hard you feel you've worked to obtain it.

43. Russell Warren on What Obsessed Really Means

“Obsessed is just a word the lazy use to describe the dedicated.” ~Russell Warren | [Tweet this](#)

If you're dedicated to your work and forego other activities in order to see it through you may be dubbed obsessed by those that don't have as much passion for what they're doing. You may be referred to as a Mad Scientist while you toil

away, but when you have your vision locked into achieving your goals and dreams, everything else has a way of fading into the background. If you're truly interested in seeing yourself succeed it's good to become obsessed with it, because the more you think about something the more likely it is that it will come to you.

44. Denise Brennan-Nelson on Putting Things Off

“Someday is not a day of the week.” ~Denise Brennan-Nelson
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We’ve all heard that someday never comes, but it’s just too effortless to push things back to that very vague “someday. It’s a way of rationalizing that you might do something, or might get something one day, just not today. But the reality is that it’s probably not going to happen, you just can’t bear the thought of it not happening. It’s hard to monitor yourself for this type of thinking, but you’ll want to do your best to eradicate it from your mind. If it’s really important to you, set a deadline for it or you probably won’t ever end up getting it done.

45. Beverly Sills on Taking Shortcuts



“There are no short cuts to any place worth going.” ~Beverly Sills | [Tweet this](#)

These days it seems like everyone is trying to get there faster than everywhere else, but what's the rush? If it's something worthwhile it's worth doing it right and enjoying the journey along the way. If you take a shortcut you miss out on the full experience, and you miss the point. Don't be afraid to put in the time it takes to get to where you want to go. If you stop looking for a shortcut and spend that time going down the right path, you'll get there right when it's the perfect time for you.

46. Arthur Christopher Benson Brings

“Very often a change of self is needed more than a change of scene.” ~Arthur Christopher Benson | [Tweet this](#)

You take yourself with you wherever you go, so running off to a new place is no way to escape. You'll just end up replicating the same patterns that got you where you are in the first place. But if you work on changing habits that don't serve you, and replacing them with ones that do you'll notice that you no longer feel like you have to escape from the situation, and can feel more comfortable in

your surroundings. You can still use a change of scenery to help uproot you from your rut and make lasting changes.

47. Ben Hogan on How to Get the Advantage

“If you can’t outplay them, outwork them.” ~Ben Hogan
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There will be times in your life when you’re outmatched. There will always be someone better out there, but that just means you have to find other ways to beat

them. The one thing you have control of is your own work ethic. You can be sure to outwork them by giving it more than they will or are able to. This extra work translates to a better ability the next time you're matched up against them, shifting the odds of winning to your favor. So remember, all is not lost when you find yourself outplayed, you just have to remember to put in the extra work to pull off the victory.

48. Alan Kay on Inventing the Future

“The best way to predict the future is to invent it.” ~ Alan Kay
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This is a slight twist on the more familiar quote which states the best way is to create it. What would you expect from an inventor but to adjust it accordingly. It's true that the future does not yet exist, so it's possible to come up with a version of it that suits you best. Either way, you're going to invent your future, so put your best efforts into creating the future you want, rather than one you won't be happy with. Just be sure not to spend so much time pondering your future that you miss the present moment where life actually takes place.

49. Billie Jean King on What Makes a Champion

“Champions keep playing until they get it right.” ~Billie Jean King | [Tweet this](#)

Think of how many people quit playing before they become a champion. Perhaps they might have made it if they just would have kept playing, making adjustments, and getting better at their craft. If you want to experience more success all you have to do is keep practicing, keep playing against better opponents, and keep learning all that you can. With enough perseverance you'll find that you become a champion because you've spent time “in the trenches and now you know your game better than anyone else and you are dubbed a

champion. This is not just applicable to sports, but to several areas of personal development. Which areas of your life do you want to become a champion in?

50. Norman Vincent Peale on Changing Your World

“Change your thoughts and you change your world.” ~Norman Vincent Peale | [Tweet this](#)

It seems like it would be easy enough to change your world if all it takes is changing your thoughts, but thoughts aren't the easiest thing in the world to change. Many of the thoughts a person has each day are the result of habitual thinking, thinking the same thoughts again and again, day after day. It takes work to try and undo this sort of thinking and have new thoughts. But if you can manage to think more positive thoughts, your world will become more positive. The opposite is also true, which is why you should pay attention to the way your thoughts make you feel.

51. Arnold Palmer on Bringing Your A Game

“Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you.” ~Arnold Palmer |[Tweet this](#)

Giving it your all is hard enough, but when the odds are stacked against you it becomes very tempting to just pack it up and go home. But if the odds aren't in your favor you have to give it as much effort as you possibly can if you hope to come out on top. Only you know if you're giving your full effort, so this becomes a battle with yourself more than anything else. Learning to get the most out of yourself is a trick that the most successful achievers have mastered.

52. Mario Andretti on Being a Bit Out of Control

“If you have everything under control, you’re not moving fast enough.” ~Mario Andretti | [Tweet this](#)

This is an interesting concept to grasp, since many of us long for feeling like we have everything under control. But if that’s the case then it means you’re not getting as much done as you could. If you can reach a point where you feel comfortable with things being a little out of control you’ll be able to get more done and have a fuller experience. Leave it to a race car driver to come up with a quote about speed, but this is easily applicable to everyday life, by taking a look

at how many balls you're juggling and whether you feel challenged enough. Be able to give up some control in order to push your boundaries.

53. Pablo Picasso on the Importance of Action

“Action is the foundational key to all success ~Pablo Picasso
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Without action nothing gets done. The key is not doing action for the sake of action, but taking inspired action that is in line with your bigger picture. Many

people stay “busy all day, but don’t really get a lot accomplished. The difference between being busy and taking inspired action is great. You rarely feel flustered or overwhelmed when you are taking action based on a strong desire to reach your goals. But it’s easy to feel frustrated and frantic when you are just completing actions in order to have something to do.

54. David Livingston on Making Progress

“I will go anywhere as long as it is forward.” ~David Livingston
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Time moves in one direction, and your life should be moving in that same direction if you want to have the most satisfaction from it. Forward is the only way to go, it's the direction of life. If you're not moving forward, growing, expanding, taking on new challenges, you're moving backward, shrinking, atrophying, and eventually dying. Don't send yourself to an early grave, keep your eyes forward and your mind active so that you can keep moving in the direction of life, growth, and fun. It doesn't really matter which destination you end up in, as long as it represents forward progress in your life.

55. Joe Namath on Giving It Your All

“If you aren’t going all the way, why go at all? ~Joe Namath
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The goal is getting there, and if you don’t plan on going all the way in order to get there, it’s best not to start the journey in the first place. It’s possible to start a new project in your life, get halfway there, and then stop. But the rewards come at the end, and if you didn’t commit to going all the way, giving it everything you have, and sticking it out until the end, why bother starting in the first place. The point he seems to be trying to make is that at one point you wanted to finish this, which is why you started, so be sure to go all the way, as you originally intended.

56. Yoda Explains Why There’s No Try

“Try not. Do, or do not. There is no try.” ~Yoda | [Tweet this](#)

Yoda dropped one of his most famous phrases on Luke when Luke said he would try to move the sunken ship. He pointed out a very true statement. You either accomplish what you set out to do, or you don't, there is no in between, no gray area called try. Choose to do that one thing that you've been “trying to do but have yet to succeed at. Feel that satisfaction that comes with knowing that you did, and that you didn't just try, or you didn't do not. You must unlearn what you have learned.

57. Ted Williams on Consistent Improvement

“Just keep going. Everybody gets better if they keep at it.”

~Ted Williams | [Tweet this](#)

It's natural to want to quit in the early goings, since that's when it is typically the hardest. But the trick is if you stay with it, you'll learn how to get better at it, more efficient, more effective, and then you'll become proficient at it. It's the process of learning through doing, and if you quit too soon you never end up getting to the point where you have mastered it. Think back to times in your life when you

weren't good at something at first, but eventually got better as you went along. Even the act of tying your shoes once was a challenge, but now you don't even think about the steps involved.

58. Scott Reed on Staying with Our Goals

“Choosing a goal and sticking to it changes everything.”
~Scott Reed | [Tweet this](#)

Getting a goal is not enough, you have to stick with it if you want to accomplish it. The reason that sticking to it changes everything is that it means you'll actually achieve your goal and then you can establish your next goal from a totally different place. It's good not to set too many goals from the place where you are now, because after achieving a few of them you'll be in a different place, and you can make better goals from there. You don't want to limit yourself by your current situation. Knock out a few goals first and then reevaluate what you want to do from your new place.

59. Jim Rohn on What to Wish For

“Don’t wish it were easier, wish you were better.” ~Jim Rohn
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They say you should be careful what you wish for because you just might get it. In this case if you are going to be wishing, it’s better to wish that you were better able to handle the task at hand, rather than wishing for an easier task. It’s may seem like a subtle shift, but it takes the focus off of the difficulty of what’s in front of you, and turns it inward so that you can grow to the challenge. It’s better for you to grow than for the challenge to shrink, because you always want to be improving and getting better.

60. Ralph Waldo Emerson the Power of Small Things

“The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.” ~Ralph Waldo Emerson | [Tweet this](#)

Not just the creation of a thousand forests, but thousands of wooden products like desks and chairs. That acorn has a lot to offer, so don't be discouraged if the tasks you're completing seem miniscule. The potential of each little thing you do is great, and can lead to big things. You can also look at your ideas as the acorn, with so much abundance locked within, all that is required is the proper nutrition to get it to grow and produce more seeds, more ideas to grow into big trees.

There are many ways to look at this saying, but its core message is that big things come in small packages.

61. Wayne Gretzky Talks About Taking Shots

“You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.” ~ Wayne Gretzky | [Tweet this](#)

It’s true enough that you may miss a shot if you take it, but at least you took it. It’s far better than being a spectator of life, watching other people take the shots and

only wishing you had the guts to get out there and give it a go. If you're looking to get inspired to do something great you have no further to look than this quote which reminds us that it's not very important if the shot goes in, but rather that you had the courage to get the shot off, and even more so that you were in the game to begin with.

62. Vince Lombardi on Getting Back Up

"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up." ~Vince Lombardi | [Tweet this](#)

Getting knocked down is a part of life, and if you stay down you're not going to get very far. Getting back up is the key to success in all areas of life, business, finances, relationships, and health. There are surely moments in your life where you've been knocked down, but you found a way to pick yourself back up and carry on. Use these memories as a highlight reel to help you get back up more quickly the next time you get knocked down. It's easy to do it again when you've confirmed you've done it before.

63. Napoleon Hill on the Basics of Achievement

“What the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve.” ~Napoleon Hill |[Tweet this](#)

This is an amazing quote that may sound simple but has a lot behind it. It's saying that whatever you can dream up in this life, you can achieve. But it brings up an important element, one that many overlook. You have to believe that you can achieve it, which is the part that trips up most people. You can have a big goal, or a big dream, but if you don't believe you deserve it, or you don't believe you can accomplish it, you won't. Spend equal time on building up your belief and dreaming about what you want to accomplish.

64. Howard Ruff on Being Prepared

“It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark.” ~Howard Ruff
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Being prepared is one thing, but this quote is asking you to take it to the next level. Noah was tipped off that the flood was coming, but life doesn’t always work out that way. You almost have to assume that something bad is going to happen at some point in your future, so why wait until it occurs to try to deal with it then? Prepare yourself for a disaster and if it doesn’t come even better. But if it does you’ll be able to handle it better and get through it more easily. It’s not a form of

negative thinking to prepare for hardship, in fact it is a way of preserving your positive thinking even through rough times.

65. Doug Ivester on Continually Dreaming

“Never let your memories be greater than your dreams.”

~Doug Ivester | [Tweet this](#)

Memories represent your past, and your dreams represent your future. The wisdom of this quote is that you should always have more planned for your future

than what you've accomplished in the past. Getting nostalgic is one thing, but if you get to the point where you feel like your best days are behind you it can get pretty boring and desolate. Always have a dream to be working towards rather than sitting around thinking of the yesterdays gone by. Memories are still cherishable, but shouldn't be your point of focus. Keep your eye on the future so you will always be creating new memories of great times.

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Inspirational quotes have an amazing ability to motivate others and change the way we feel about ourselves. This is why I find them so interesting and crucial on our paths to success.

So what's their secret?

You see, the way you think and feel about yourself, including your beliefs and expectations about what is possible for you, determines everything that happens to you. When you change the quality of your thinking, you change the quality of your life, sometimes instantly. Just as positive words can make someone smile or a well-timed humorous quote can make someone laugh, our thoughts react to the world in real-time.

You have complete control over only one thing in the universe — your thinking – and that's where motivational quotes come in!

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You can decide what you are going to think in any given situation. Your thoughts and feelings determine your actions and determine the results you get. It all starts with your thoughts – and I have found that inspirational words are a quick way to retune your thinking.

Try keeping a few uplifting excerpts or positive proclamations on hand. If you ever notice your energy or your spirit begin to drop, simply recite an inspirational and uplifting quote to quickly boost your mood.

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Inspirational Quotes For A Motivational 2018

I've compiled a list of some of the best motivational quotes for the new year so you can start the year by taking control of your thoughts, thinking positively

and setting new goals. I've also compiled a [**free e-book of quotes**](#) that you can get by clicking the link.

If you are looking for another way to stay motivated in life, be sure to [**download my free guide to staying motivated**](#) during tough times.

Here are my favorite inspirational quotes about life:

1) “The Way Get Started Is To Quit Talking And Begin Doing.” – Walt Disney

This straight-to-business quote comes from the man who created the happiest place on earth – and a multibillion-dollar empire. [Click here to tweet this quote.](#)



2) “The Pessimist Sees Difficulty In Every Opportunity. The Optimist Sees Opportunity In Every Difficulty.” – Winston Churchill

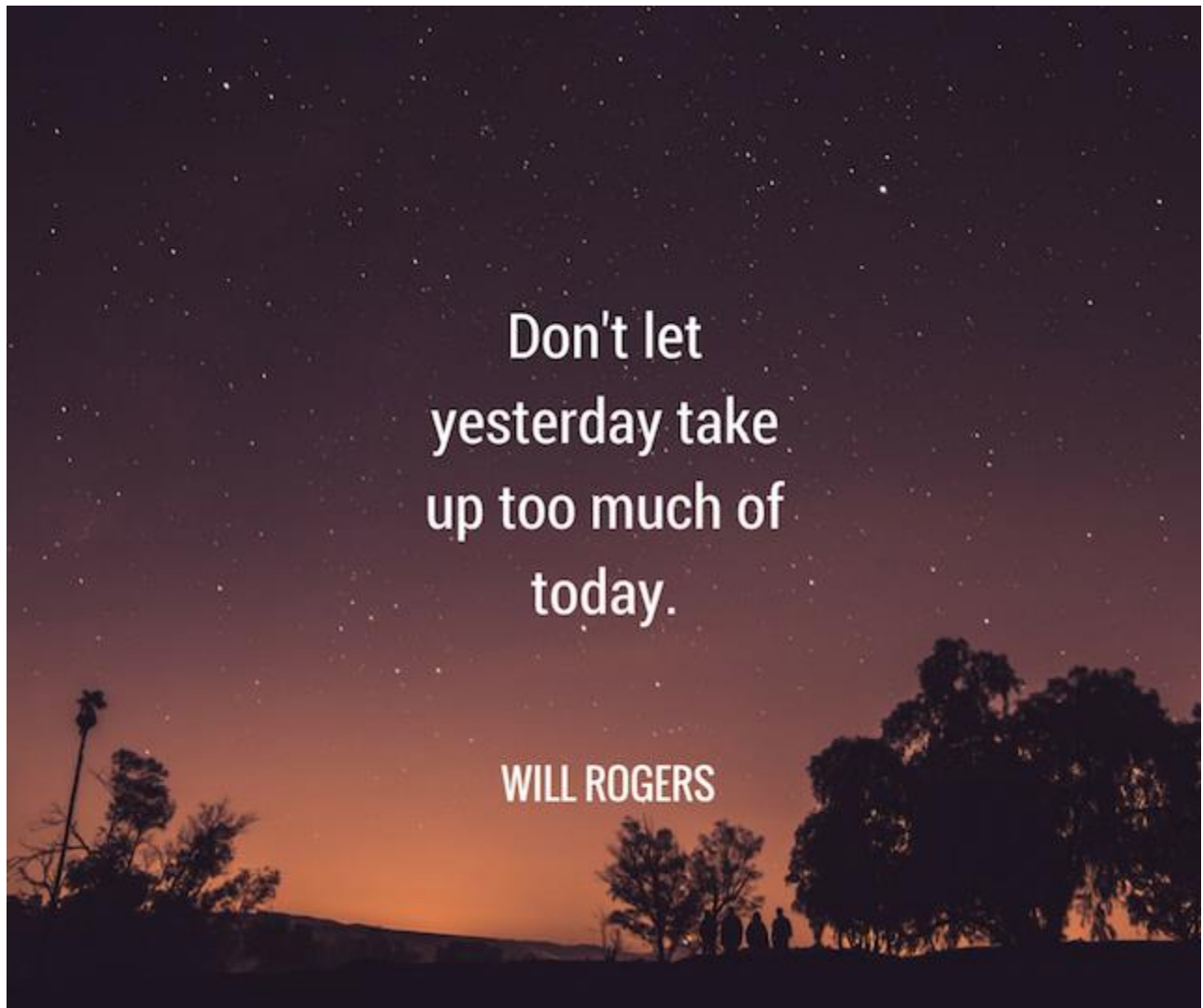
When it comes to success quotes by famous people, Winston Churchill’s inspirational words of wisdom always make the list. [Click here to tweet this quote.](#)



The pessimist sees difficulty in
every opportunity.
The optimist sees the
opportunity in every difficulty.
WINSTON CHURCHILL

3) “Don’t Let Yesterday Take Up Too Much Of Today.” – Will Rogers

Will Rogers was an American actor, cowboy, columnist and social commentator who believed in keeping forward momentum. [Click here to tweet this quote.](#)

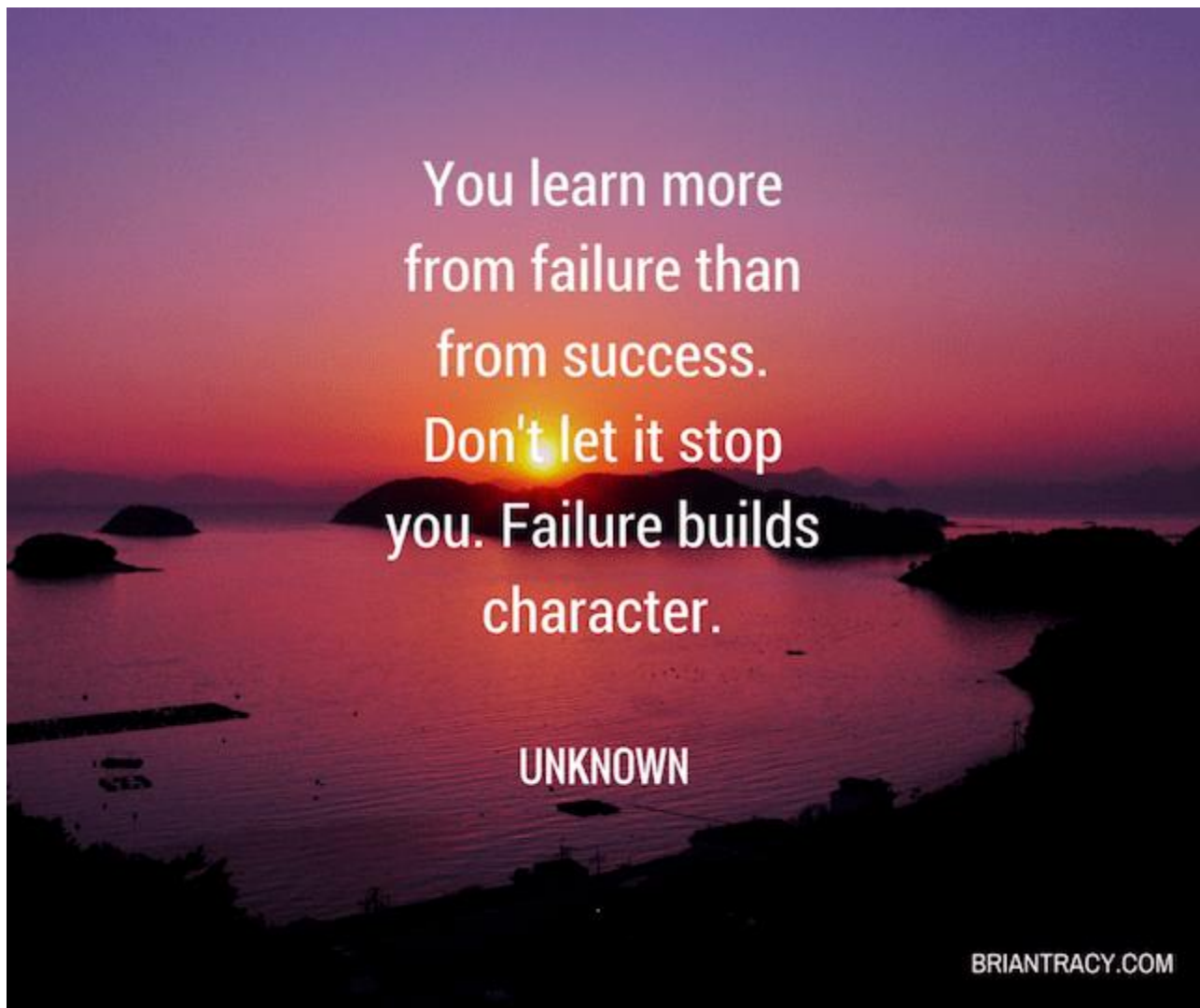


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WILL ROGERS

4) “You Learn More From Failure Than From Success. Don’t Let It Stop You. Failure Builds Character.” – Unknown

When you replace ‘lose’ with ‘learn’ in your vocabulary, the thought of failure becomes less daunting and lets you focus on growth. [Click here to tweet this.](#)



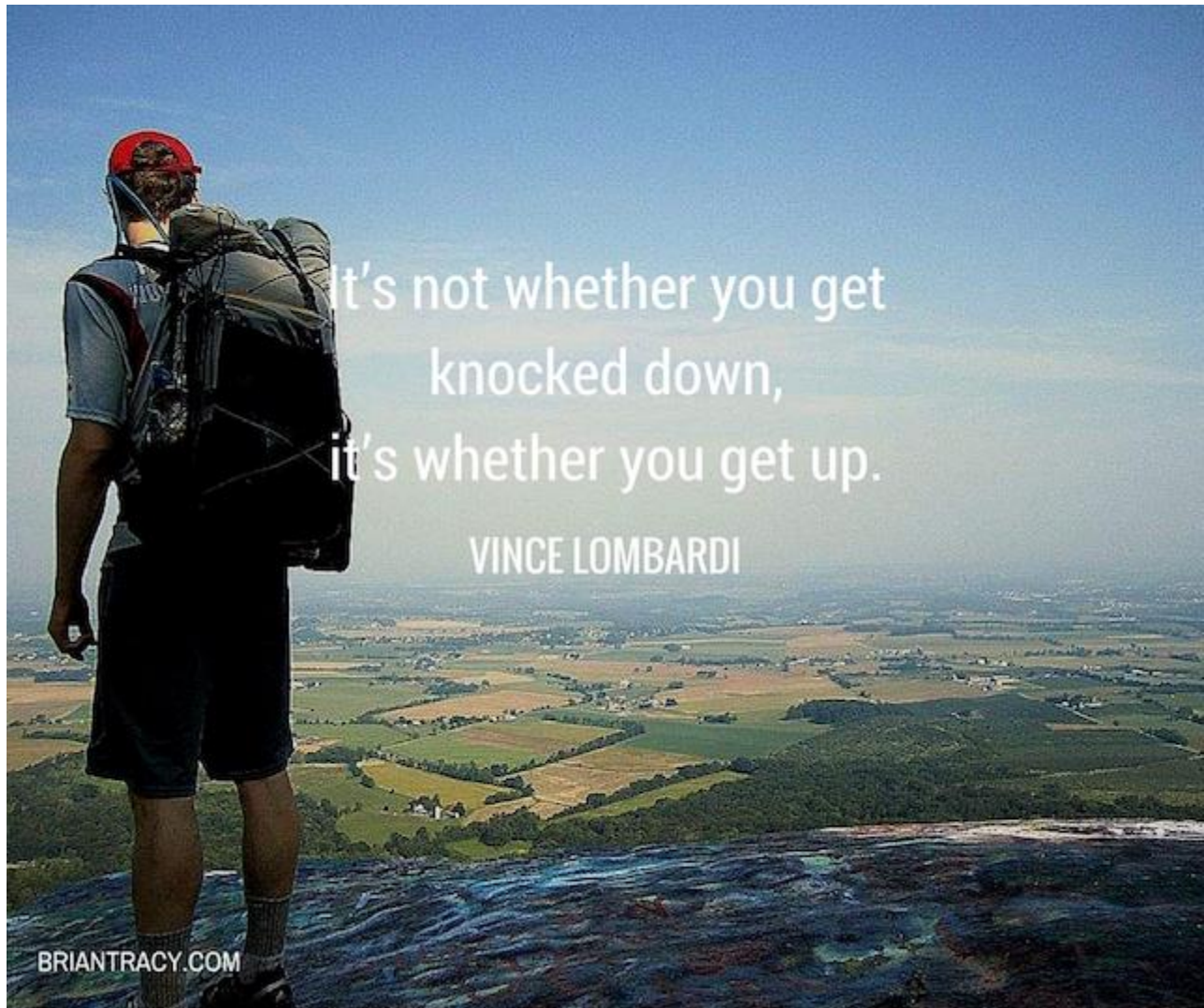
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5) “It’s Not Whether You Get Knocked Down, It’s Whether You Get Up.” – Inspirational Quote By Vince Lombardi

Vince Lombardi was an American football hero whose uplifting words frequently make it onto Top 10 Inspirational Quotes lists. [Click here to tweet this quote.](#)



6) "If You Are Working On Something That You Really Care About, You Don't Have To Be Pushed. The Vision Pulls You." – Steve Jobs

Steve Jobs truly captured some of the wisdom of life in this statement. Do that which you are passionate about and your work will feel effortless.

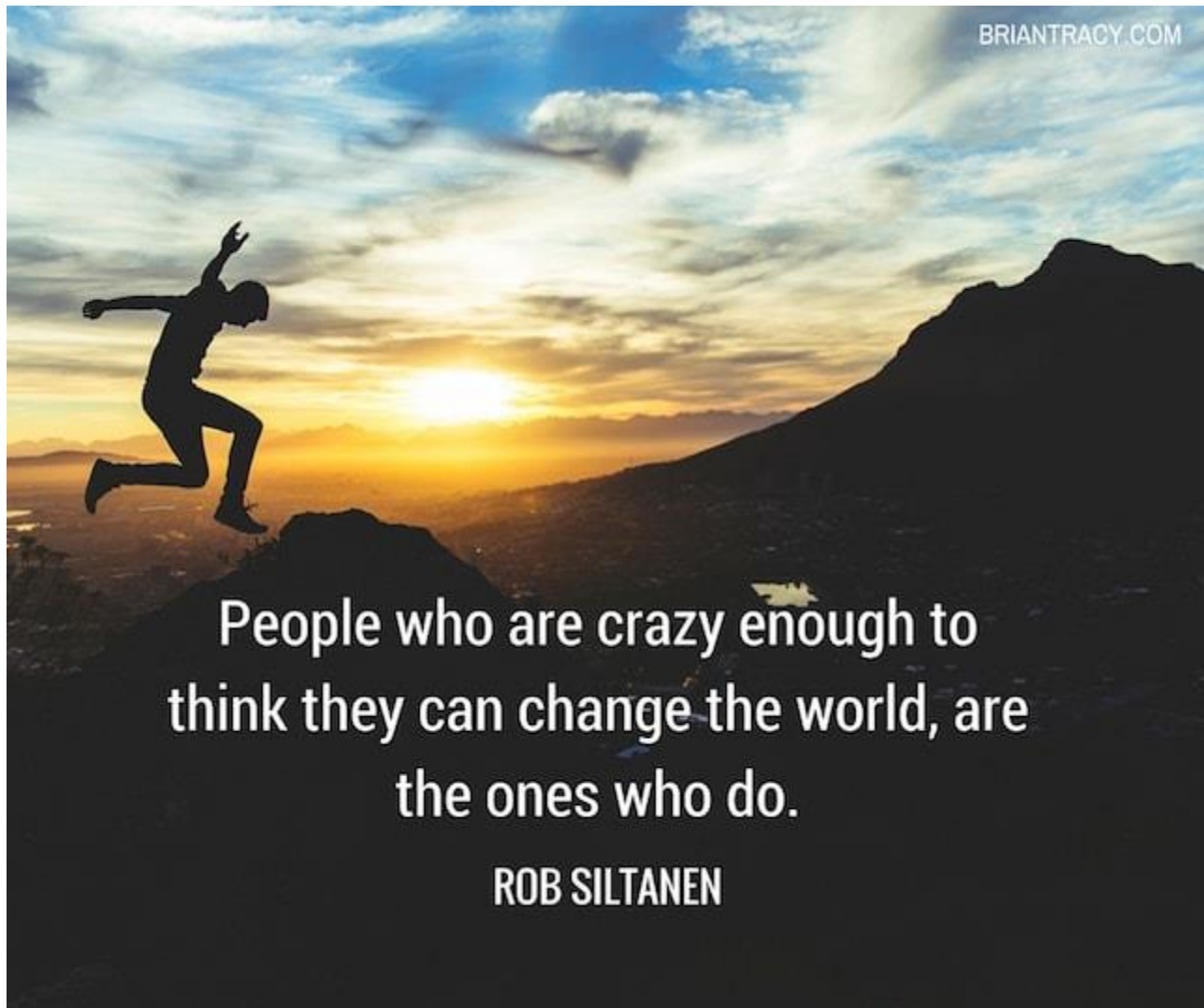


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STEVE JOBS

7) “People Who Are Crazy Enough To Think They Can Change The World, Are The Ones Who Do.” – Rob Siltanen

I believe this is one of the best quotes to live by because it reminds me to think without limits and never doubt my wildest thoughts.




8) “Failure Will Never Overtake Me If My Determination To Succeed Is Strong Enough.” – Og Mandino

There's a special place in my heart for these inspirational words. They remind me of my unwavering determination to become a motivational speaker.



9) “Entrepreneurs Are Great At Dealing With Uncertainty And Also Very Good At Minimizing Risk. That’s The Classic Entrepreneur.” – Mohnish Pabrai

This line always puts a smile on my face because it alludes to the excitement of not knowing what to expect but seeing a possible life-changing outcome.

A wide-angle photograph of a deep canyon, likely the Grand Canyon, during the 'golden hour' of sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with vibrant orange and yellow clouds, while the canyon walls are illuminated with warm, golden light. The foreground shows the rugged, layered rock formations of the canyon. The overall mood is one of awe and inspiration.


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MOHNISH PABRAI

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10) “We May Encounter Many Defeats But We Must Not Be Defeated.” – Maya Angelou

Maya Angelou was one of the top civil rights activists and embraced a spirit of positive thinking and sheer determination.

A serene sunset over a body of water with mountains in the distance. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The water is dark blue with gentle ripples, reflecting the colors of the sky. In the far distance, a range of low mountains is visible against the horizon line.


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MAYA ANGELOU

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11) “Knowing Is Not Enough; We Must Apply. Wishing Is Not Enough; We Must Do.” – Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

This piece of wisdom is one of my favorite quotes for students. It reminds us to apply what we learn and take action toward success, rather than waiting and hoping.



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JOHANN WOLFGANG
VON GOETHE, AUTHOR

12) “Imagine Your Life Is Perfect In Every Respect; What Would It Look Like?” – Brian Tracy

The exercise mentioned in this excerpt of my personal development philosophy is one of the keys to gaining clarity for what you really want in life. Start with a clear vision of your ideal life and happiness, then work backward to achieve it.



13) “We Generate Fears While We Sit. We Overcome Them By Action.” – Dr. Henry Link

I love this pairing of quotation and image (below). Before we act, our imaginations often run wild, but when we move forward we often find the path ahead far less daunting than the horrifying version we had created in our minds.



14) “Whether You Think You Can Or Think You Can’t, You’re Right.” – Henry Ford

Truly a quote to live by, the American captain of industry, Henry Ford, made this proclamation while reflecting on his life. He is still one of the wealthiest figures of the modern period. Ford also said, *“Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.”*

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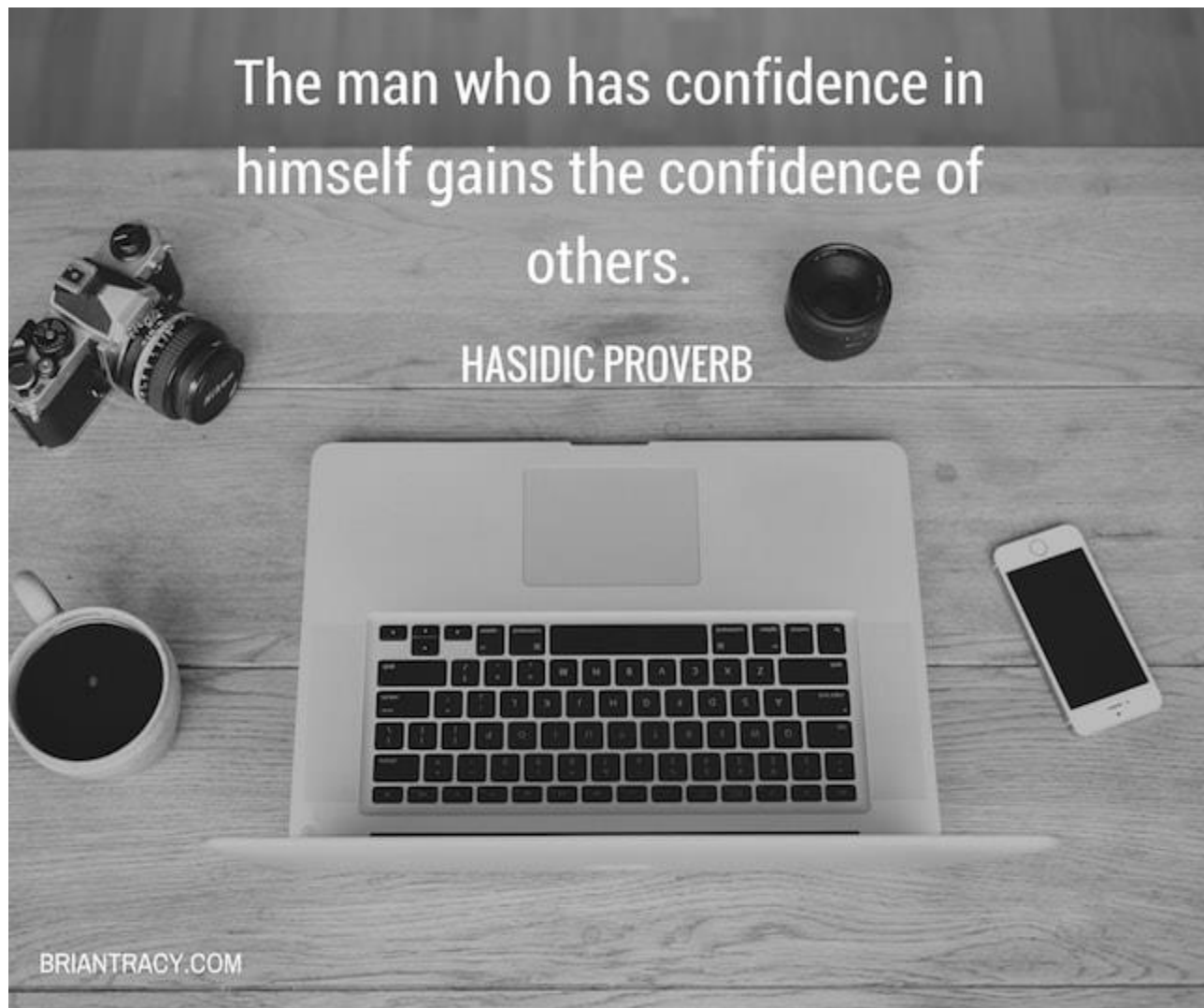
15) “Security Is Mostly A Superstition. Life Is Either A Daring Adventure Or Nothing.” – Helen Keller

Helen Keller is the author of this thought-provoking quote about life. I love her adventurous spirit and all or nothing attitude!



16) “The Man Who Has Confidence In Himself Gains The Confidence Of Others.” – Hasidic Proverb

In this powerful Hasidic proverb, we learn an ancient truth that still holds up in modern times. The power of self-confidence is just as strong today as it was a long time ago. You can still change the thoughts of others by changing your thoughts about yourself.



17) “The Only Limit To Our Realization Of Tomorrow Will Be Our Doubts Of Today.” – Franklin D. Roosevelt

F.D.R. famously alluded to the impact positive thinking can have on the world, stating that our doubts, or our self-limiting beliefs, were the only restraints on the possibilities of the future.



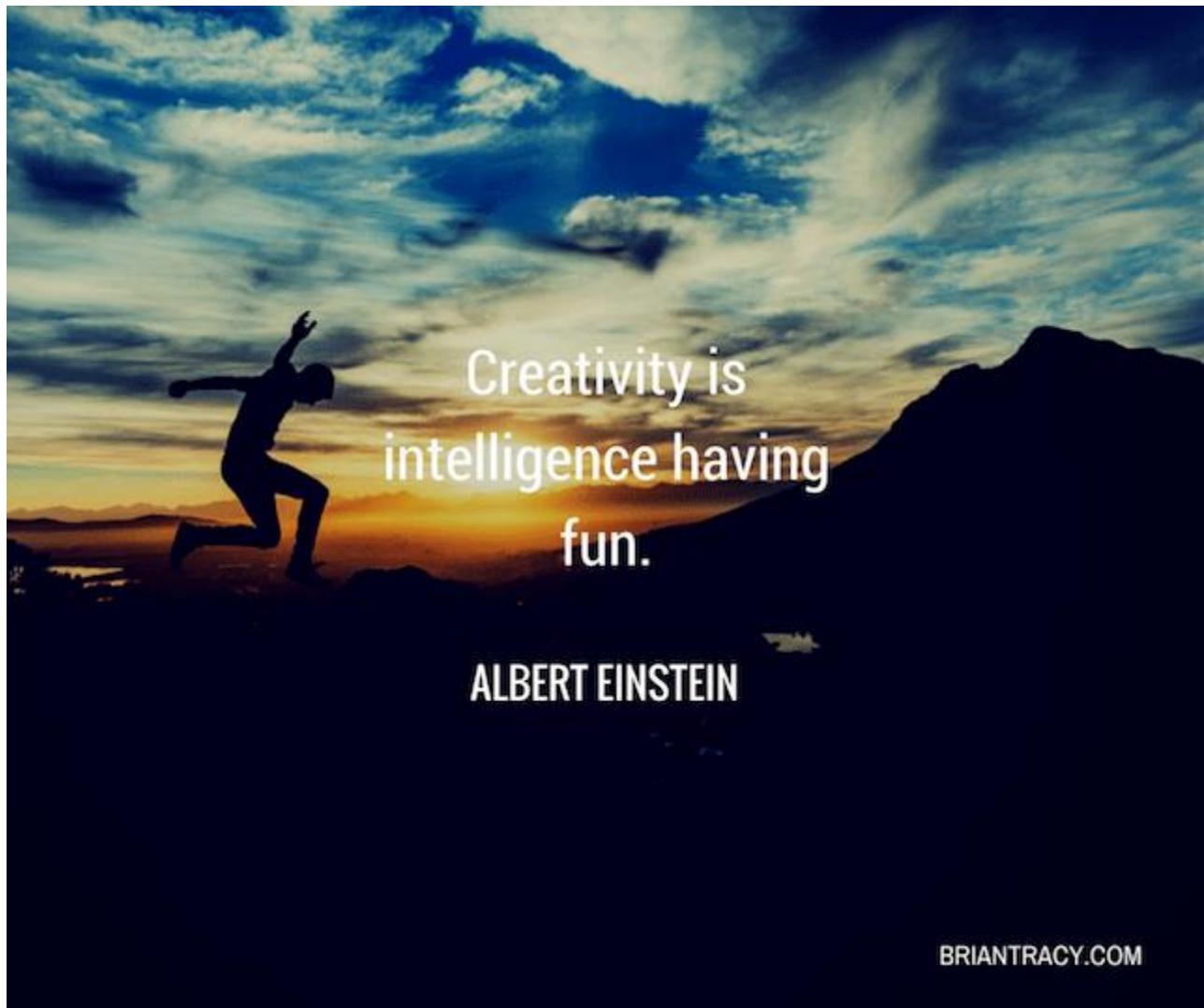
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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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18) “Creativity Is Intelligence Having Fun.” – Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein authored this encouraging and uplifting quote. In just five words, he captured the essence of his intellectual philosophy and inspired others to embrace the creative process.



19) "What You Lack In Talent Can Be Made Up With Desire, Hustle And Giving 110% All The Time." – Don Zimmer

Professional baseball player and coach, Don Zimmer dedicated 65 years to the sport. The wisdom he left behind implies that will power and dedication are just as important as ability. Again, alluding to the concept that success is formed in the mind before it is manifested in reality.



20) “Do What You Can With All You Have, Wherever You Are.” – Theodore Roosevelt

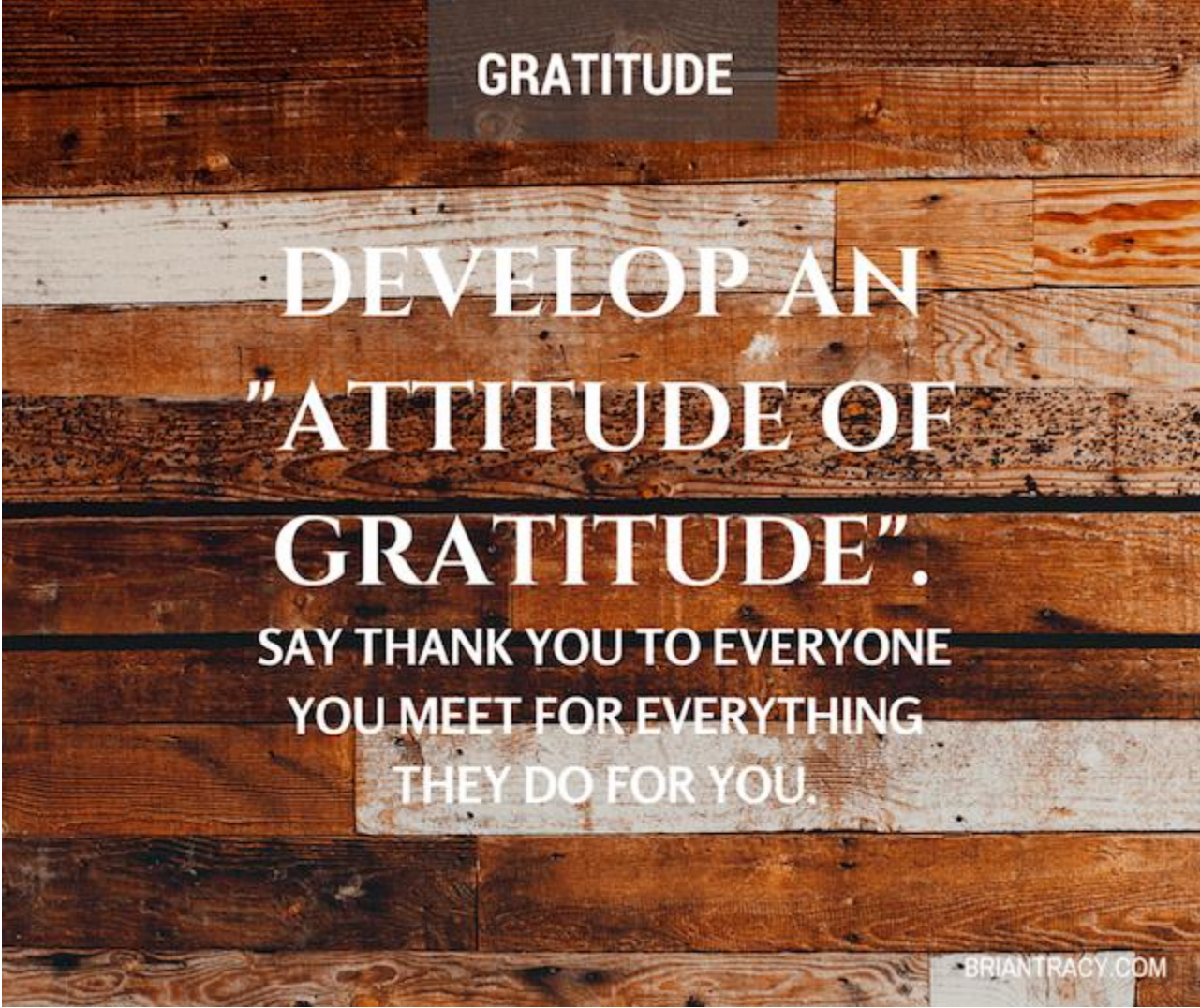
At number twenty, we have one of the most famous quotes about life by Teddy Roosevelt, who served as President of the United States from 1901 to 1909. A true optimist, he believed in the value of always giving it your all, no matter what you have or where you are.



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THEODORE ROOSEVELT

21) “Develop An ‘Attitude Of Gratitude’. Say Thank You To Everyone You Meet For Everything They Do For You.” – Brian Tracy




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22) "You Are Never Too Old To Set Another Goal Or To Dream
A New Dream." – C.S. Lewis



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**23) “To See What Is Right And Not Do It Is A Lack Of Courage.”
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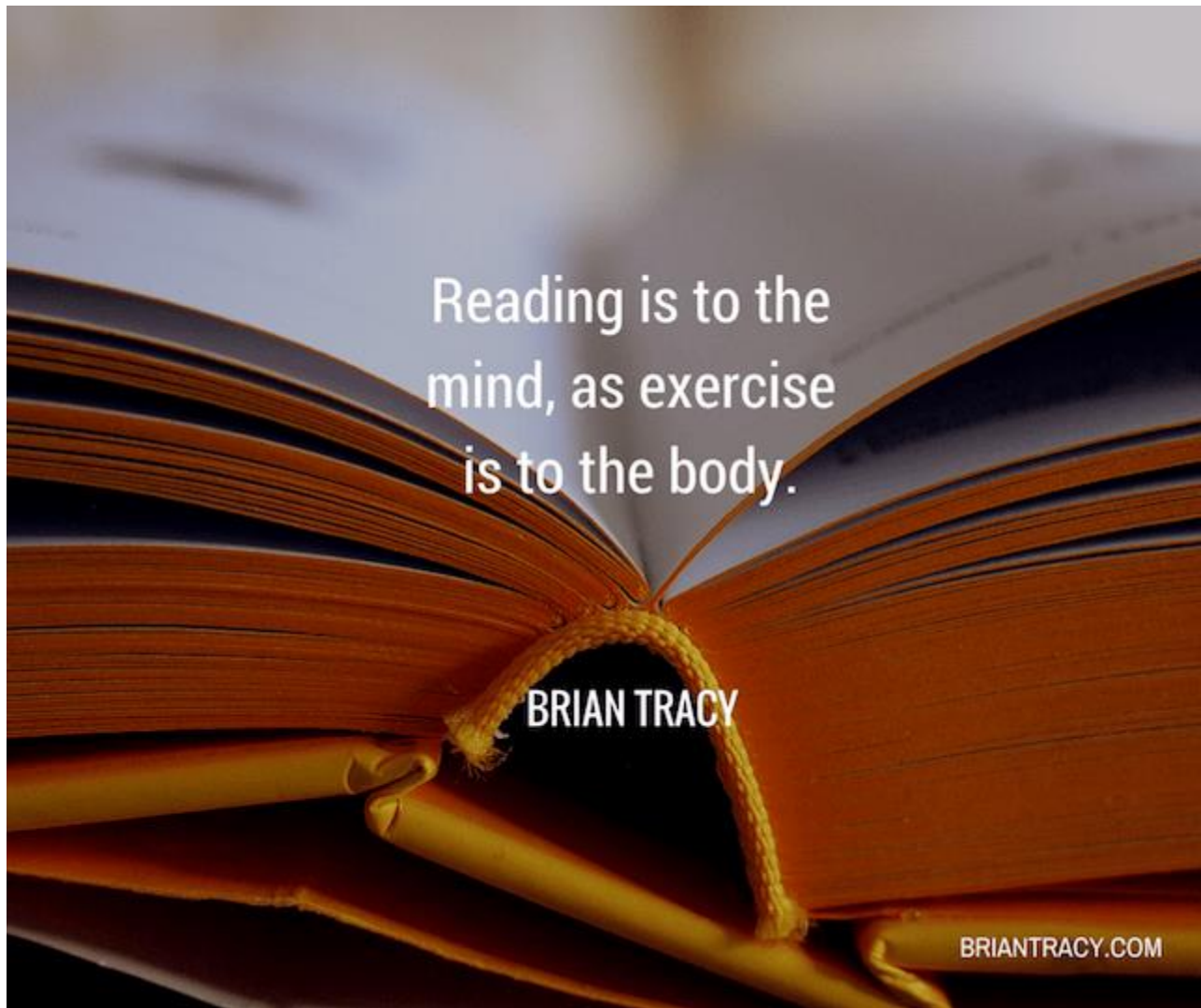


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24) “Reading Is To The Mind, As Exercise Is To The Body.” –
Brian Tracy



25) “Fake It Until You Make It! Act As If You Had All The Confidence You Require Until It Becomes Your Reality.” – Brian Tracy



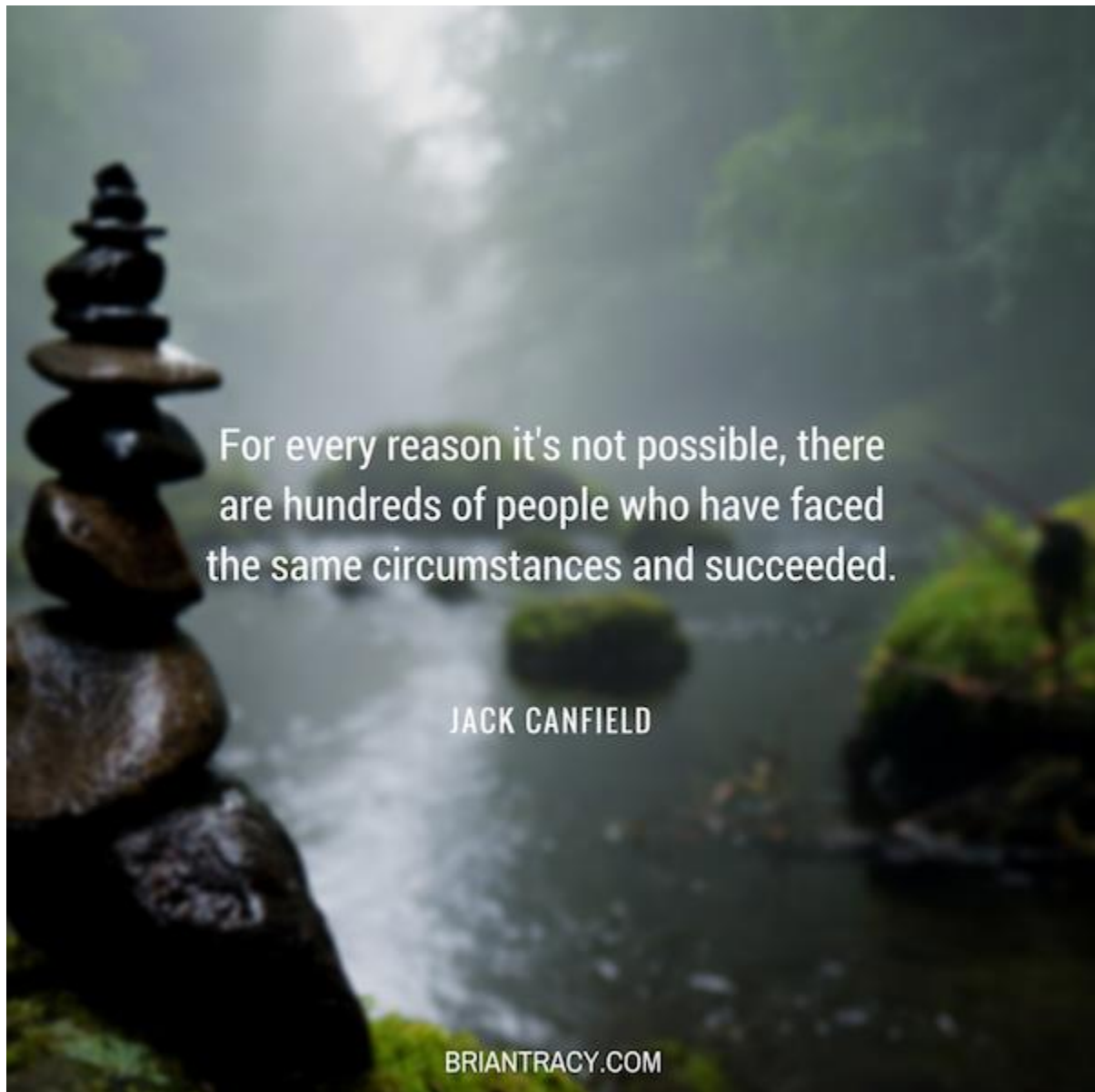
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26) “The Future Belongs To The Competent. Get Good, Get Better, Be The Best!” – Success Quote By Brian Tracy



27) "For Every Reason It's Not Possible, There Are Hundreds Of People Who Have Faced The Same Circumstances And Succeeded." – Jack Canfield



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JACK CANFIELD

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28) “Things Work Out Best For Those Who Make The Best Of How Things Work Out.” – Positive Quote By John Wooden



29) “A Room Without Books Is Like A Body Without A Soul.” – Marcus Tullius Cicero



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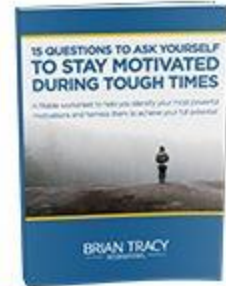
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30) “I Think Goals Should Never Be Easy, They Should Force You To Work, Even If They Are Uncomfortable At The Time.” – Michael Phelps



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31) “One Of The Lessons That I Grew Up With Was To Always Stay True To Yourself And Never Let What Somebody Else Says Distract You From Your Goals.” – Michelle Obama



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**32) “Today’s Accomplishments Were Yesterday’s
Impossibilities.” – Robert H. Schuller**


A person in a red jacket is climbing a steep, rocky mountain peak. The person is positioned on the right side of the image, leaning forward and using a rope or anchor. The background is a hazy, overcast sky. The text "TODAY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS WERE YESTERDAY'S IMPOSSIBILITIES." is overlaid in white, sans-serif capital letters in the center of the image.

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ROBERT H. SCHULLER

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33) “The Only Way To Do Great Work Is To Love What You Do. If You Haven’t Found It Yet, Keep Looking. Don’t Settle.” – Steve Jobs




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STEVE JOBS

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34) “You Don’t Have To Be Great To Start, But You Have To Start To Be Great.” – Zig Ziglar



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ZIG ZIGLAR

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35) “A Clear Vision, Backed By Definite Plans, Gives You A Tremendous Feeling Of Confidence And Personal Power.” – Brian Tracy



36) “There Are No Limits To What You Can Accomplish, Except The Limits You Place On Your Own Thinking.” – Brian Tracy

A hand is shown holding a colorful kite string, which is attached to a yellow and orange kite. The background is a dark, rocky landscape under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.

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Motivational Quotes For Leaders (Bonus Section)

My best quotes about business success have been inspired by the world's best leaders. Whether you're an entrepreneur, business owner, or manager, here are 20 leadership quotes to help motivate yourself to peak performance.

Remember that true leadership is about striving to become better in all areas of life and empowering everyone around you to become the best versions of themselves. Always focus on improving your leadership qualities as well as others around you.

20 Success Quotes For Inspirational Leaders

Here are 20 of my favorite inspirational quotes for business leaders. If you find them to be particularly motivating, please share this post with your friends.

37) “Integrity Is The Most Valuable And Respected Quality Of Leadership. Always Keep Your Word.”

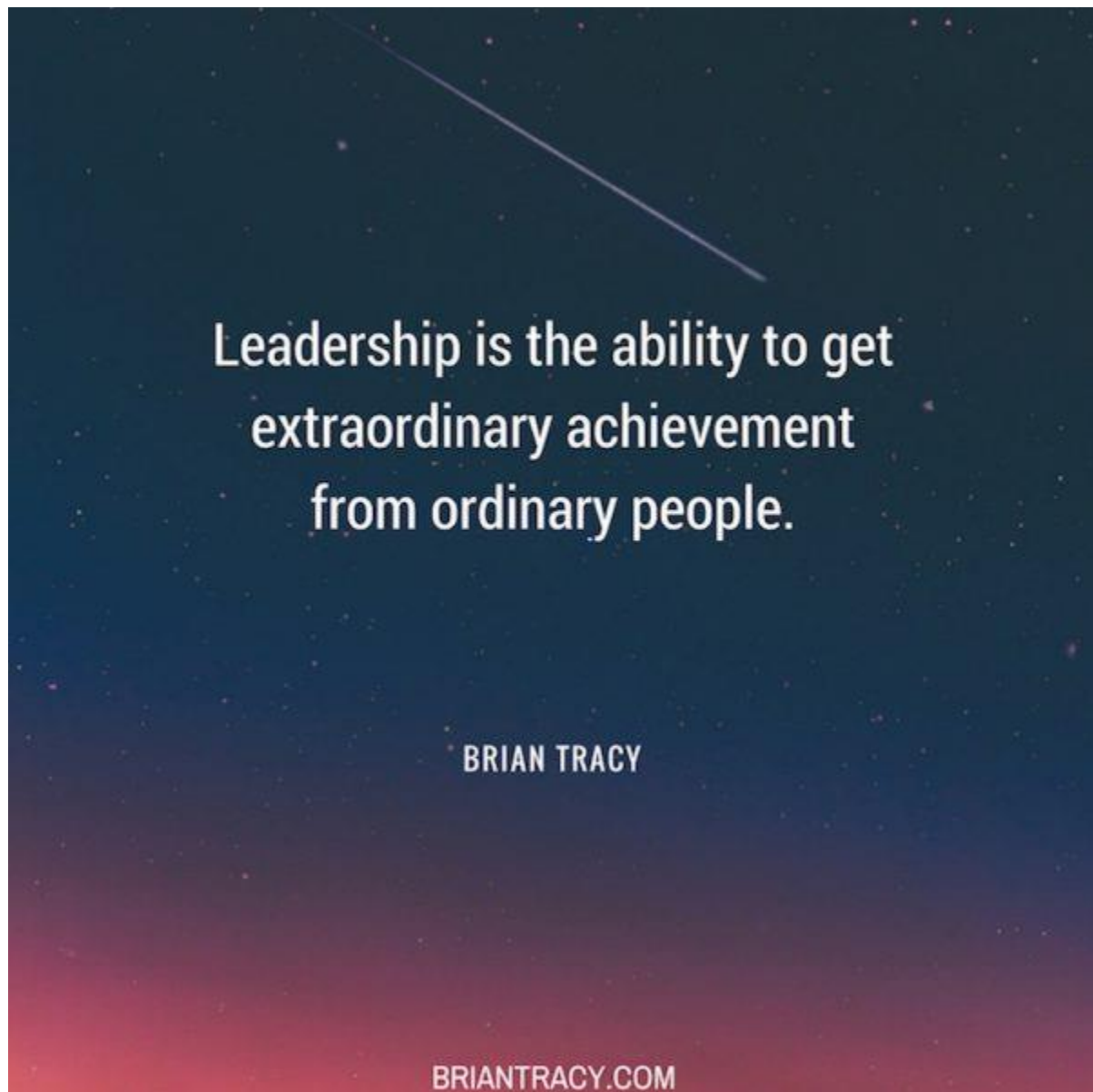


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38) “Leadership Is The Ability To Get Extraordinary Achievement From Ordinary People”



39) “Leaders Set High Standards. Refuse To Tolerate Mediocrity Or Poor Performance”



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40) “Clarity Is The Key To Effective Leadership. What Are Your Goals?”



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41) “The Best Leaders Have A High Consideration Factor. They Really Care About Their People”




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42) “Leaders Think And Talk About The Solutions. Followers Think And Talk About The Problems.”



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43) “The Key Responsibility Of Leadership Is To Think About The Future. No One Else Can Do It For You.”




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44) “The Effective Leader Recognizes That They Are More Dependent On Their People Than They Are On Them. Walk Softly.”


A high-angle, aerial view of a dense forest. The trees are a mix of dark green evergreens and trees with autumn-colored foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. A thick layer of white mist or fog hangs between the tree canopies, creating a layered and ethereal effect. The lighting is soft and diffused, typical of an overcast day in a forest.

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45) “Leaders Never Use The Word Failure. They Look Upon Setbacks As Learning Experiences.”



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**46) “Practice Golden Rule Management In Everything You Do.
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47) “Superior Leaders Are Willing To Admit A Mistake And Cut Their Losses. Be Willing To Admit That You’ve Changed Your Mind. Don’t Persist When The Original Decision Turns Out To Be A Poor One.”



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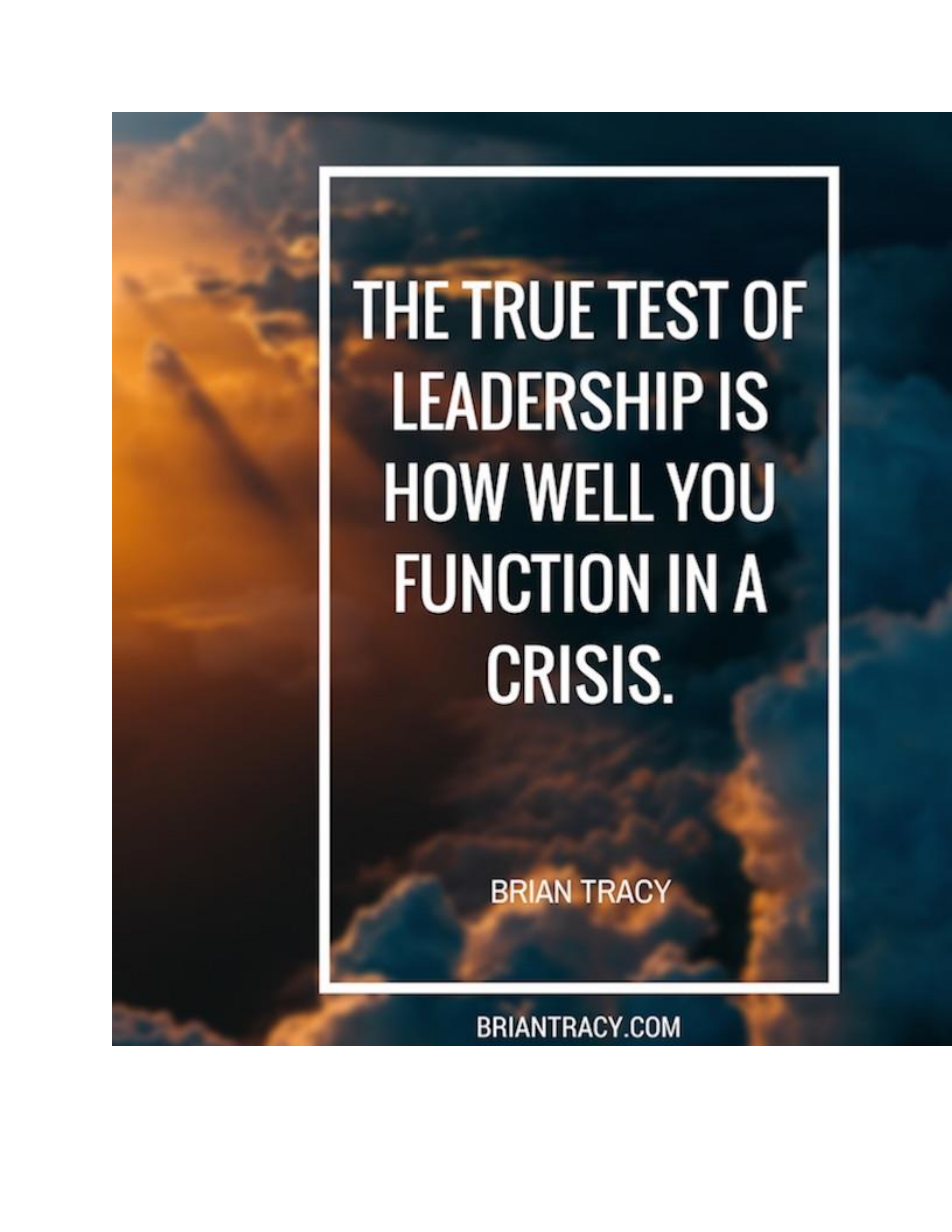


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49) “The True Test Of Leadership Is How Well You Function In A Crisis.”



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50) “Leaders Concentrate Single-Mindedly On One Thing– The Most Important Thing, And They Stay At It Until It’s Complete.”



FOCUS

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**51) “The Three ‘C’s’ Of Leadership Are Consideration, Caring,
And Courtesy. Be Polite To Everyone.”**



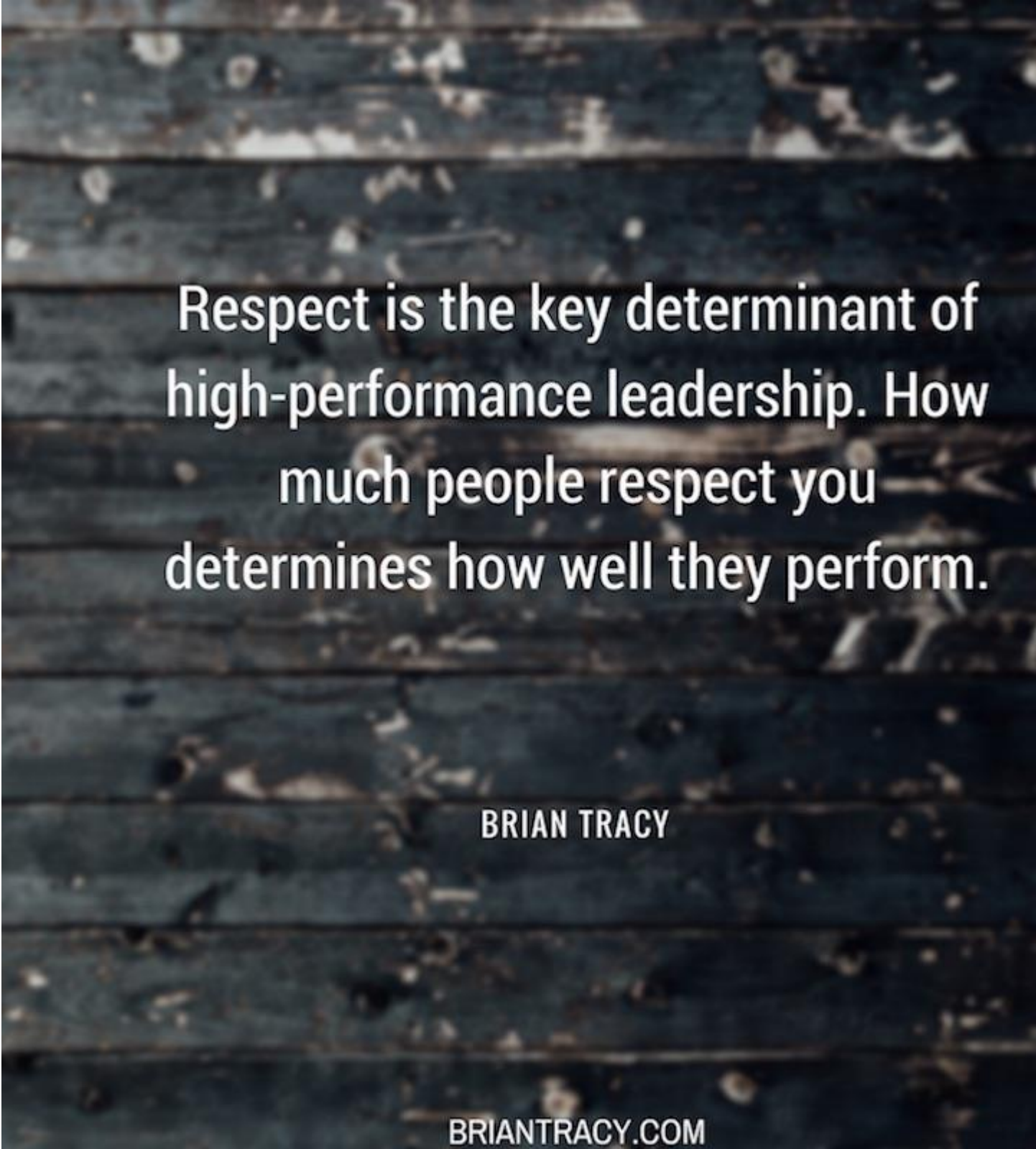
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55) “Leaders Are Innovative, Entrepreneurial, And Future-Oriented. They Focus On Getting The Job Done.”

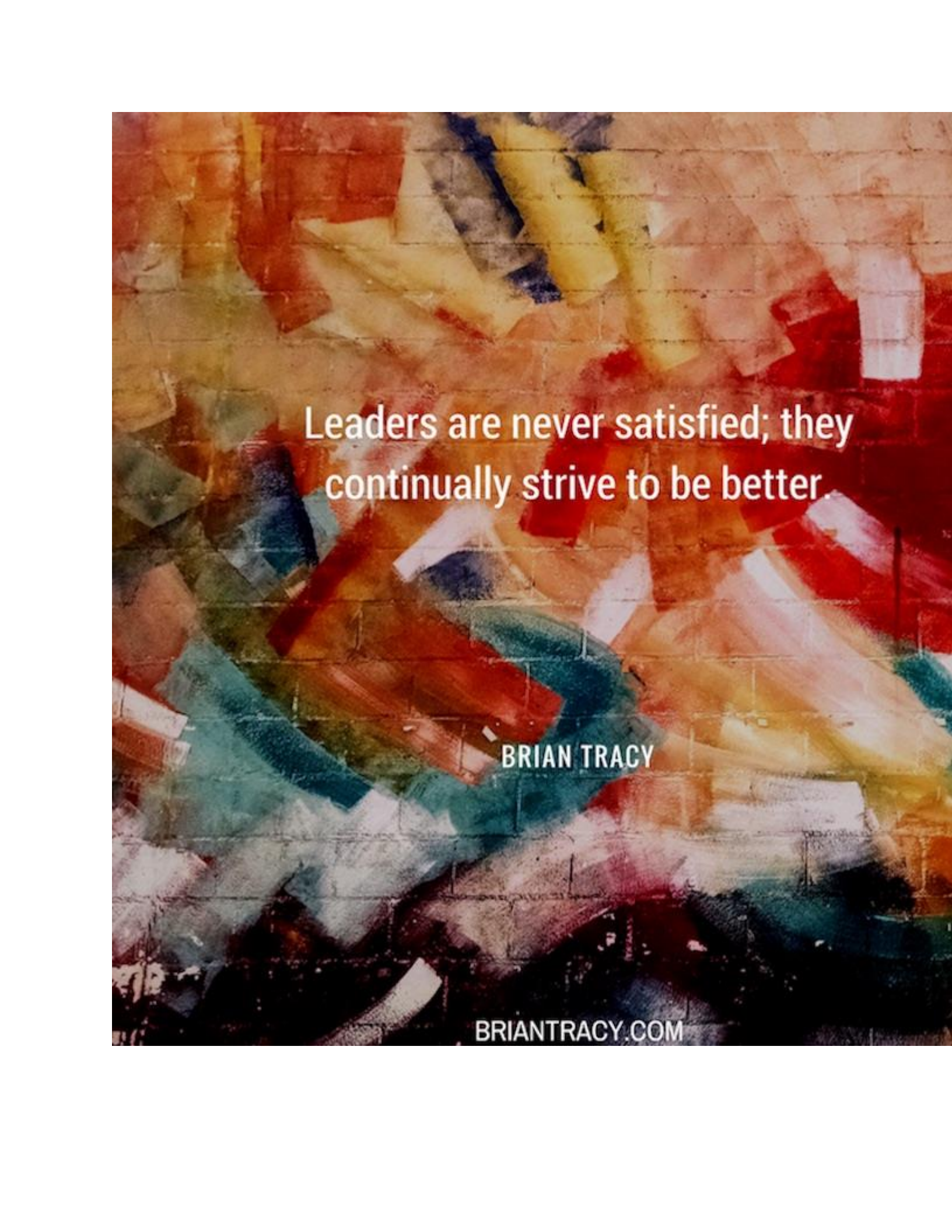


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56) “Leaders Are Never Satisfied; They Continually Strive To Be Better.”

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Thanks for reading my favorite motivational quotes of this year. I wish you a wonderful year and hope you can look to these inspirational words whenever you need a boost so you may confidently crush any challenges or goals that you set for yourself.

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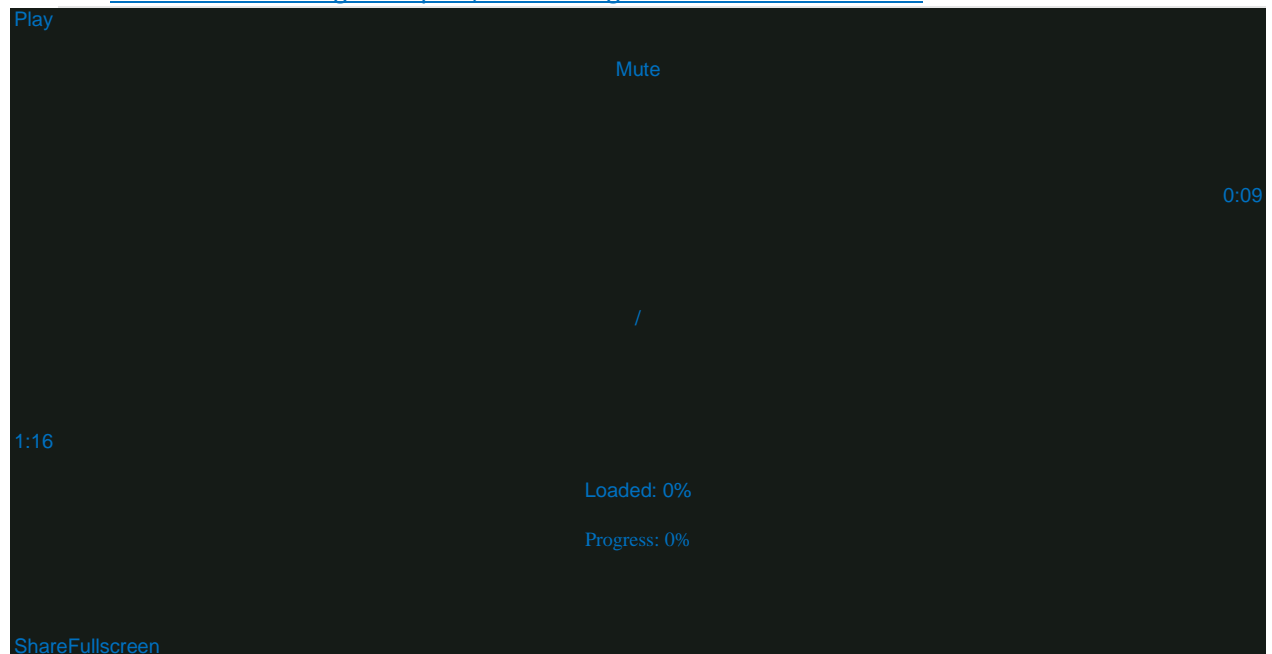
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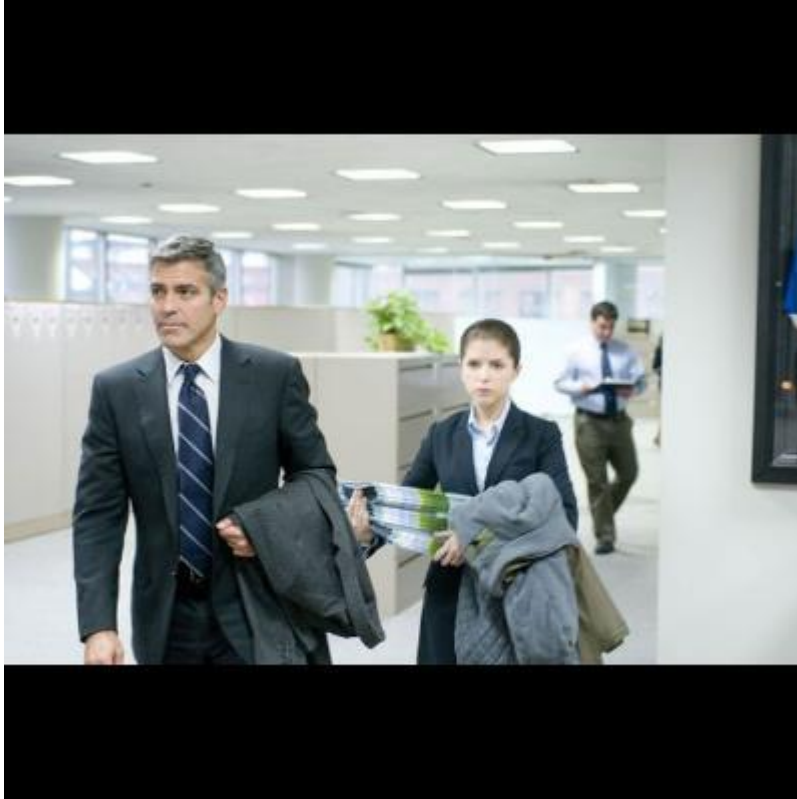
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2. Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve. –Napoleon Hill
3. Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value. –Albert Einstein

4. Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference. –Robert Frost

5. I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse. –Florence Nightingale

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6. You miss 100% of the shots you don't take. –Wayne Gretzky

7. I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed. –Michael Jordan

8. The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. –Amelia Earhart

9. Every strike brings me closer to the next home run. –Babe Ruth

10. Definiteness of purpose is the starting point of all achievement. –W. Clement Stone

11. Life isn't about getting and having, it's about giving and being. –Kevin Kruse

12. Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. –John Lennon

13. We become what we think about. –Earl Nightingale

14. Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover. –Mark Twain

15. Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. –Charles Swindoll

16. The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. –Alice Walker

17. The mind is everything. What you think you become. –Buddha

18. The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now. –Chinese Proverb

19. An unexamined life is not worth living. –Socrates

20. Eighty percent of success is showing up. –Woody Allen

21. Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. –Steve Jobs

22. Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is. –Vince Lombardi

23. I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions. –Stephen Covey

24. Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up. –Pablo Picasso

25. You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore. – Christopher Columbus

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26. I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. –Maya Angelou

27. Either you run the day, or the day runs you. –Jim Rohn

28. Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right. –Henry Ford

29. The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why. –Mark Twain

30. Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. –Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

31. The best revenge is massive success. –Frank Sinatra

32. People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing. That's why we recommend it daily. –Zig Ziglar

33. Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage. –Anais Nin

Everyone knows these days: you wake up in the morning and you're not motivated to do anything. You drag yourself out of bed, feeling exhausted, but it does not get

any better. Instead of being allowed to do absolutely nothing, you have to address so many issues, duties and responsibilities that it's impossible to know where to start. Nobody likes to admit it, but we all are *struggling* to get motivated from time to time. Even the top achievers among us know how difficult it is to keep one's motivation at a constant high level.

Often times, we have so many great ideas in our mind, but we lack the necessary energy and motivation to implement all these visions. We simply cannot get started with doing what we need to do. It's a daily struggle, just like a vicious circle one simply cannot seem to escape.

For situations like this it is incredibly beneficial when you have quotes at hand that inspire you to make the most of your life. Many people underestimate the great motivational power that can be found within the lines of a few wisely chosen words, but just by reading a couple of them you will **quickly gain new drive**. These quotes will help you to get back up on your feet and to face the challenges of life with ambition and energy.

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Robert H. Schuller

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You will soon notice that just by pondering over the meaning of some of these quotes you will quickly regain the desire to accomplish something great.

Are you struggling with motivation? Looking for something to get you motivated quickly? In the following you can find a hand-picked selection of the most motivating quotes of all times. These sayings from truly inspirational people will help you to reignite the burning fire within you that helps you to pursue your dreams and ambitions.

The Most Motivating Quotes Ever

Get inspired by our carefully selected collection of quotes that are incredibly motivating!

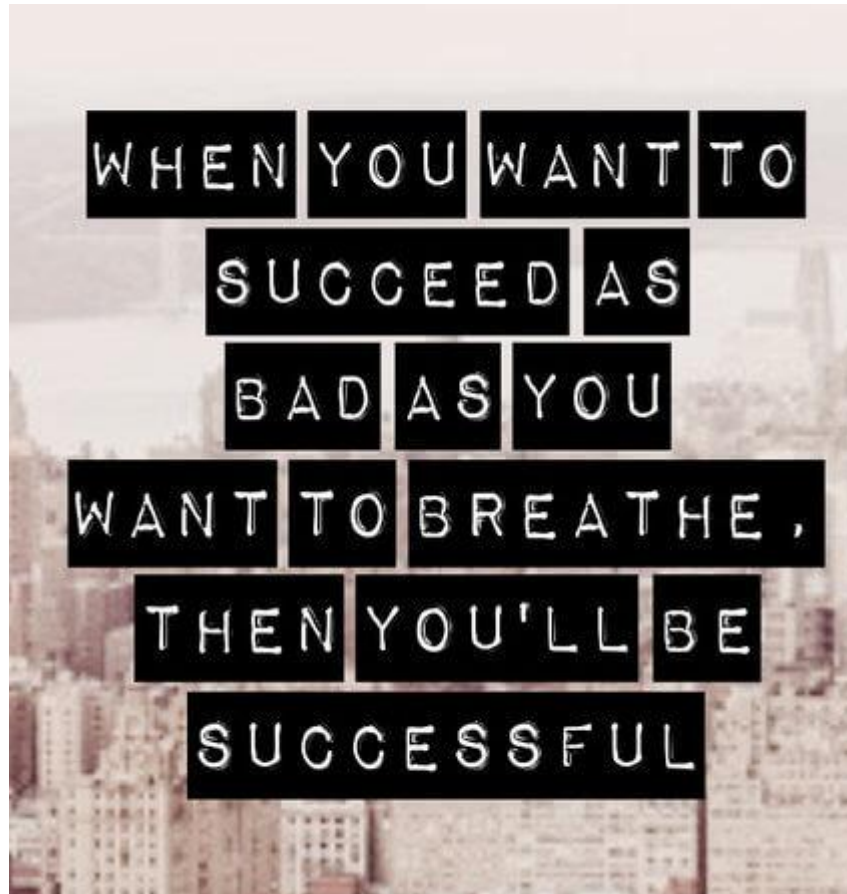
1. When you want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe, then you'll be successful.

Eric Thomas

Eric Thomas tells us to put our head underwater for a minute. After the minute has passed you will notice the rising *urge* to breathe. But you don't go up to the surface, not just yet. The urge to allow fresh air into your lungs will become **omnipresent**. It is no longer just an urge, but it starts turning into a deep desire.

A couple of seconds later there will be nothing else on your mind, except the wish to breathe. Nothing will be able to distract you in this situation; nothing will be able to diverge your focus and attention away from the situation. In fact, your focus is laser-sharp and directed on only one thing: managing to get up to the surface so that you can fill your lungs with fresh air. Do you want to watch television in this situation? Do you want to surf the Internet? Do you need any rest? **NO!** Heck no, all you want to do is to breathe. **Nothing else.**

I can guarantee you that you will succeed in whatever you are doing, *if only you want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe* after being submerged by water for more than a minute.



2. Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.

Tim Notke

There are so many people who have great talents, but do not seem to use it. Many times you will be able to easily triumph over those who are gifted but unwilling to work hard enough to cope with your efforts.

Hard work and a good dose of determination can lead you *anywhere*, even if you are not the most talented in this area. Think about all those super talents in your preferred area of sports. Only those talents who are willing to make an extra effort will be able to succeed. Otherwise, less talented people will outperform them with their boundless willingness to do everything they can in order to succeed.

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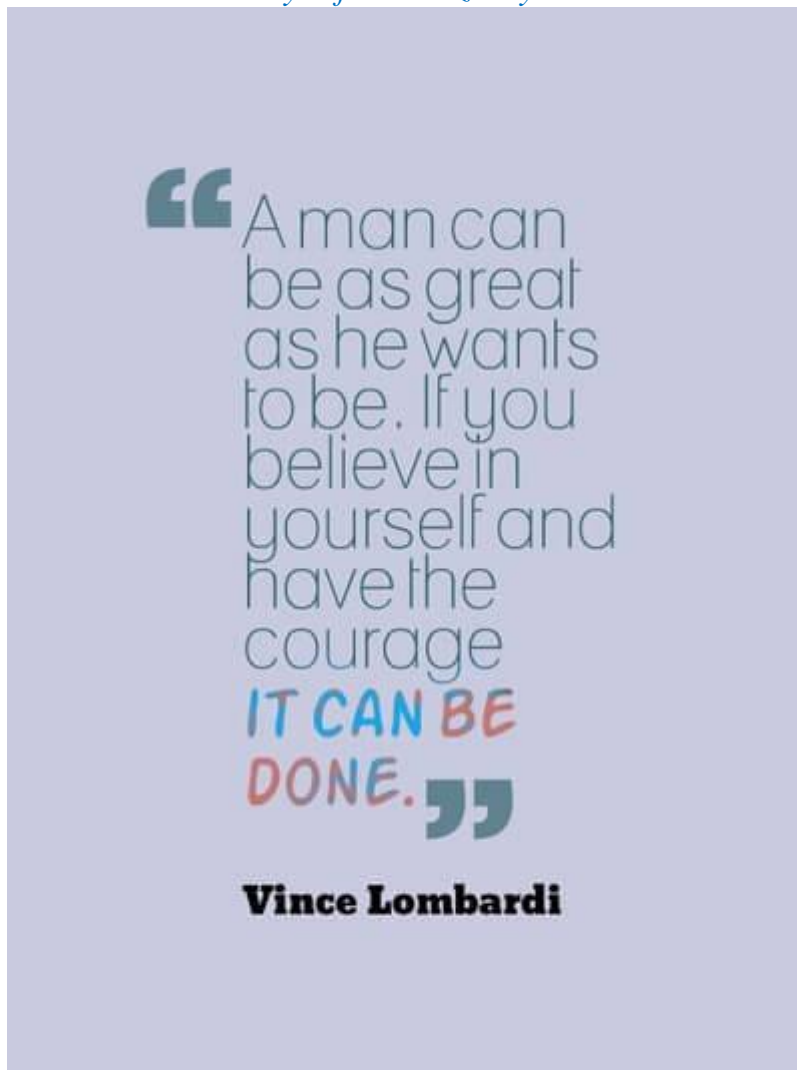
3. A man can be as great as he wants to be. If you believe in yourself and have the courage, the determination, the dedication, the competitive drive and if you are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done.

Vince Lombardi

How often do we allow even the most unimportant things to distract our attention away from the pursuit of our dreams? Far too often!

We make little excuses for activities that do not contribute towards the accomplishment of our goals. Doing so will eventually lead us to procrastinate. We stop doing what we need to do: pursuing our goals with the greatest determination and the boldest focus.

Don't be one of those who tell their grandchildren, *"You know what, I had the chance to make the world a better place, but there was a new episode of The Big Bang Theory, so I couldn't motivate myself to realize my vision."*



4. Every great story on the planet happened when someone decided not to give up, but kept going no matter what.

Spryte Loriano

Your willingness not to give up no matter what will bring you one step closer towards the accomplishment of your dreams. Often times, people start enthusiastically with a new task, but they soon allow challenges and setbacks to decrease their motivation. In the end, they will give up and find new goals to pursue halfhearted, which they will eventually fail as well. That is until they finally find goals that are unimportant but relatively easy to accomplish. What a way to ruin one's potential.

Once you have set your mind on to something, *keep pursuing it until you succeed.*



5. Don't stop when you're tired. STOP when you are DONE.
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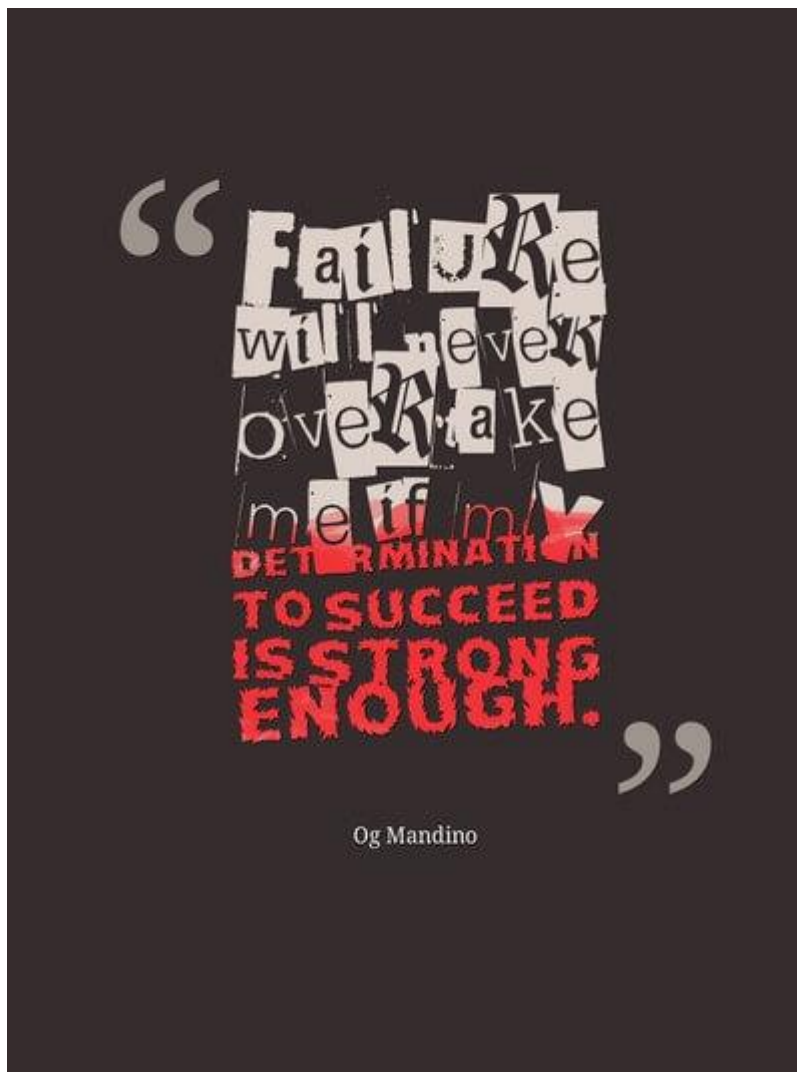
All too often we stop pursuing a goal as soon as we encounter difficulties. These challenges are not only placing a great burden upon our shoulders, but they also make it a real struggle to move forward. Fighting day in and day out for your mission can be really

tiring. However, we must not allow mental and physical tiredness to stop us from pursuing our dreams.



6. Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough.
Og Mandino

The question whether we fail or not largely depends upon our own determination. Yes, there are some failures that simply cannot be avoided. In most cases, however, we alone can influence our chances of success. What Og Mandino wants to point out is that we need the mental strength to keep going, no matter how severe the opposition. Equipped with this kind of attitude, failure will not be able to overtake us, as we will persevere until success is achieved.



7. Success... seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit.
Conrad Hilton

Success is inevitably connected to action, it will not appear out of thin air. Only those who are willing to plant their seeds in the ground will be able to reap the fruits.

Another important aspect to consider is that you will make mistakes sooner or later. But do not allow your fear of failure to stop you from living your dreams. One characteristic that most, if not all, successful people have in common is that they failed over and over again. What makes them so different and special is their attitude towards mistakes and failures. Instead of allowing mistakes to stop them from what they are doing, they continue. They don't tell themselves, "*I'm a failure, I always fail,*" but instead they have developed this fantastic curiosity that tells them, "*Another failure? Fantastic, I found another way how it should not be done.*" They understand that mistakes provide essential knowledge that helps them in the future, without which they might not even be able to succeed.

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8. Aim for the moon. If you miss, you may hit a star.

W. Clement Stone

The message of Clement Stone is clear: have an ambitious goal and shoot for it. If you miss the goal, you'll still have achieved something. The quote also indicates that even if things don't go as planned they can still turn out to be a success. This means for us that we have to be willing to make adaptations as we go along. Without this flexibility we will focus too much of our attention on the fact that we did not reach the moon, while we have already landed on an amazing star.

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9. Action is the foundational key to all success.
Pablo Picasso

We all have great dreams, and to a certain degree dreaming is really important. However, in many cases we do not act on our ideas. We simply hope for the fulfillment of our dreams, but we do not take action. For this very reason it is so important to pursue our dreams in an active manner. All it takes is that we start doing whatever we need to do. Once you got started it is easier to stay in motion. Even Newton stated that “a body at rest remains at rest,” so give everything you can to take this initial and highly important step towards your future.



10. The ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do.

Unknown

Only if you *wholeheartedly* believe in yourself and what you are doing you will be able to reach excellence. It is not enough to know that you want to change the world, it's necessary that every fiber of you knows that you are able to change things for the better. Only if you are convinced of your vision to the toes you will be able to overcome every obstacle that stands in-between you and your mission.

Those who do not wholeheartedly believe in what they are doing will give up eventually.

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11. Successful people do what unsuccessful people are not willing to do. Don't wish it were easier, wish you were better.

Jim Rohn

If there is something many of us admire about successful people it is that they do not waste their time complaining about the difficulties they encounter. Sometimes it feels as if they did not even notice the hardship; they were too busy looking for a solution. Instead of focusing all their attention upon the problems and challenges, they are actively

looking for ways to improve themselves in order to be able to overcome the issues.



12. The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me.
Ayn Rand

A small but profound change in your perspective can do all the difference. Should we be asking ourselves the question who is allowing us to strive for excellence? Or should we rather become proactive and start taking what we want? If you choose the first option, you will always depend upon others and their approval. But with the mental attitude of *"Who's going to stop me,"* you free yourself from the dependency on others.

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13. It does not matter how slowly you go, so long as you do not stop.

Confucius

Even the largest empire was built by setting one little stone upon another. Just imagine the consequences if someone decided all of a sudden to stop, just because a few difficulties and complications arose.

The only thing that truly matters in life (when it comes to the realization of your goals) is that you **keep going**, no matter how slow you seem to progress. The going might get tough at times and there will be days where you see absolutely no return from your actions, but don't allow this to discourage you. Instead, move on. Winston Churchill once said, that if you're going straight through hell, you need to keep going.

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14. Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above it.

Washington Irving

Eventually you will have to decide whether you focus your attention on the problem, or possible ways to rise above it. This decision will either *make or break your success*. Only those who cultivate the willingness to rise above everything that tries to drag them down will advance in life. Whining and complaining about misfortunes will not lead you anywhere.

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15. I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.

Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson expresses a concept that is incredibly important to understand: you have to force luck. Luck does most of the time not happen by chance, but only to those who work hard for it. The more actively you pursue your dreams, the more positive coincidences and helpful happenings will be drawn on to your path.

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16. Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover.

Mark Twain

Far too often we allow our fear of failure to restrain us. We do not want to fail, so it is only logical not to even try. This approach will help you to avoid most, if not all, failures. However, in many situations it is by far more fulfilling to know that you did everything you could rather than feeling remorse about not having tried at all.

17. You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.

Zig Ziglar

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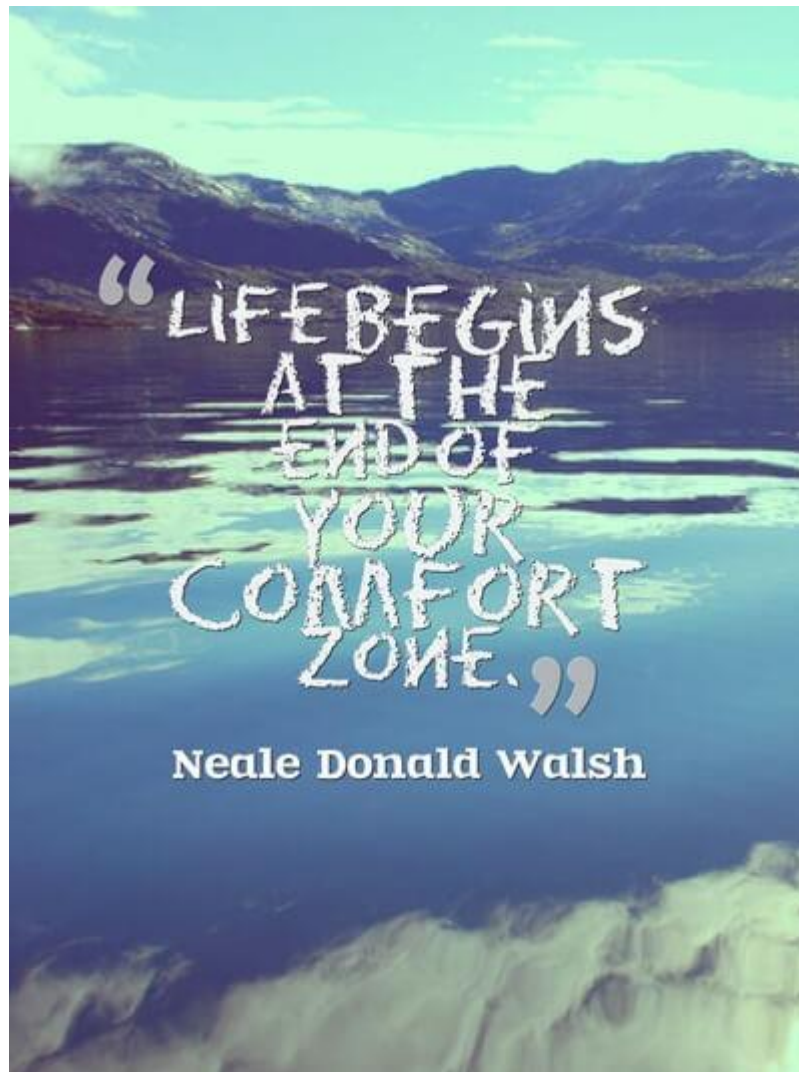
18. Nothing is impossible, the word itself says “I’m possible”!
Audrey Hepburn

People keep repeating the things they cannot do like a mantra: “It’s impossible to do this, it’s not possible to do that...” This goes on until there is finally one person willing to challenge the status quo. It’s the person that is equipped with the mental strength to see things through, no matter how many people tell them that what they are doing is not possible. These are the people we look up to, because they fundamentally changed the way we are living.

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19. Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.
Neale Donald Walsh



20. The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.
Confucius

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21. Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out.

John Wooden

Let's face it, only a small number of people start their lives with the best conditions for success. The rest of us are thrown into the deep and hectic ocean we call life. Does everyone have the best conditions? Certainly not. In fact, we cannot decide about the external factors of our lives.

But we all have the opportunity to take what we have and make the best out of it. Instead of lamenting about our difficult situation we need to redirect our attention towards solutions on how we can make the best out of it. There is, unfortunately, no other choice. Have the courage to accept the way your circumstances are and then try your very best to make the best you can from it.

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22. Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.
Vince Lombardi

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23. Give me a stock clerk with a goal, and I will give you a man who will make history.
Give me a man without a goal, and I will give you a stock clerk.
J.C. Penny

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J.C. PENNY

24. Nothing in the world is more common than unsuccessful people with talent.

Unknown

Talent alone is often times not enough in order to succeed. What it takes is the unbound willingness to do whatever it takes until a given goal is accomplished. More often than not, talented people have become so used upon relying on their gifts that they simply are not able to go the extra mile.

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25. Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no help at all.

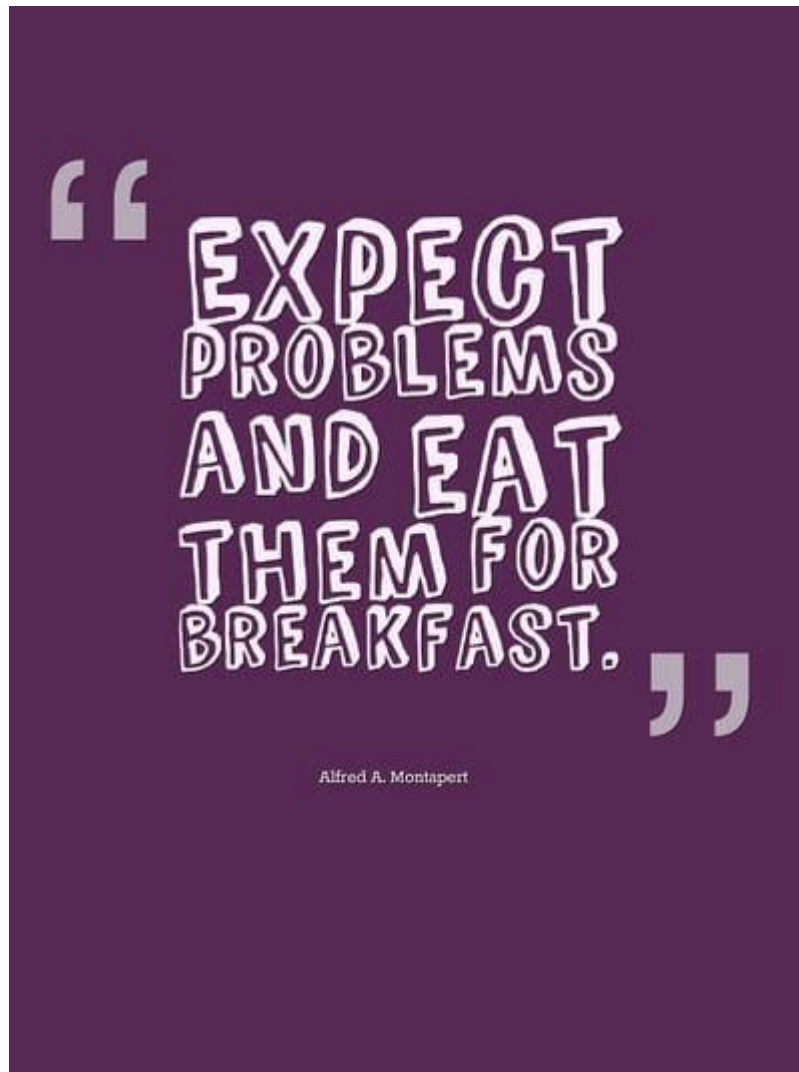
Dale Carnegie

Thomas A. Edison once said that most people “did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.” Persistence is an essential key to success. It helps us to see things through even in situations when all hope seems lost. Without this ability we give up far too quickly, not realizing how close we have come to our goal.

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26. Expect problems and eat them for breakfast.
Alfred A. Montapert



27. Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.
Winston Churchill

Don't allow the occasional failure to discourage you in any way. We all have failed in the past, and we all will fail in the future. So much is certain.

If we cannot avoid a failure we should try to learn as much as we can from it. Draw the essential conclusions out of the things that happened to you and try to give you very best to avoid similar failures the next time.

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28. Opportunities don't happen, you create them.
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29. I do not have superior intelligence or faultless looks. I do not captivate a room or run a mile under six minutes. I only succeeded because I was still working after everyone else went to sleep.

Greg Evans

Most of us think we need to be super intelligent and have the most outstanding skills in order to be successful. But in the end, intelligence and talented will only bring you so far. What really matters is your willingness to make an effort and to go the extra mile, wherever necessary and appropriate.

Once you have set yourself a goal, **keep pursuing it no matter what**. Be willing to invest a great amount of your time towards the accomplishment of your dreams.

30. The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.
Walter Bagehot

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31. The secret of getting ahead is getting started.
Mark Twain



32. Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.

Dalai Lama

Struggling and not getting what you desire can be quite unpleasant. However, hitting a brick wall can also have its benefits for your development. It will not only make you stronger, but it will also improve your ability to draw essential wisdom out of failure.

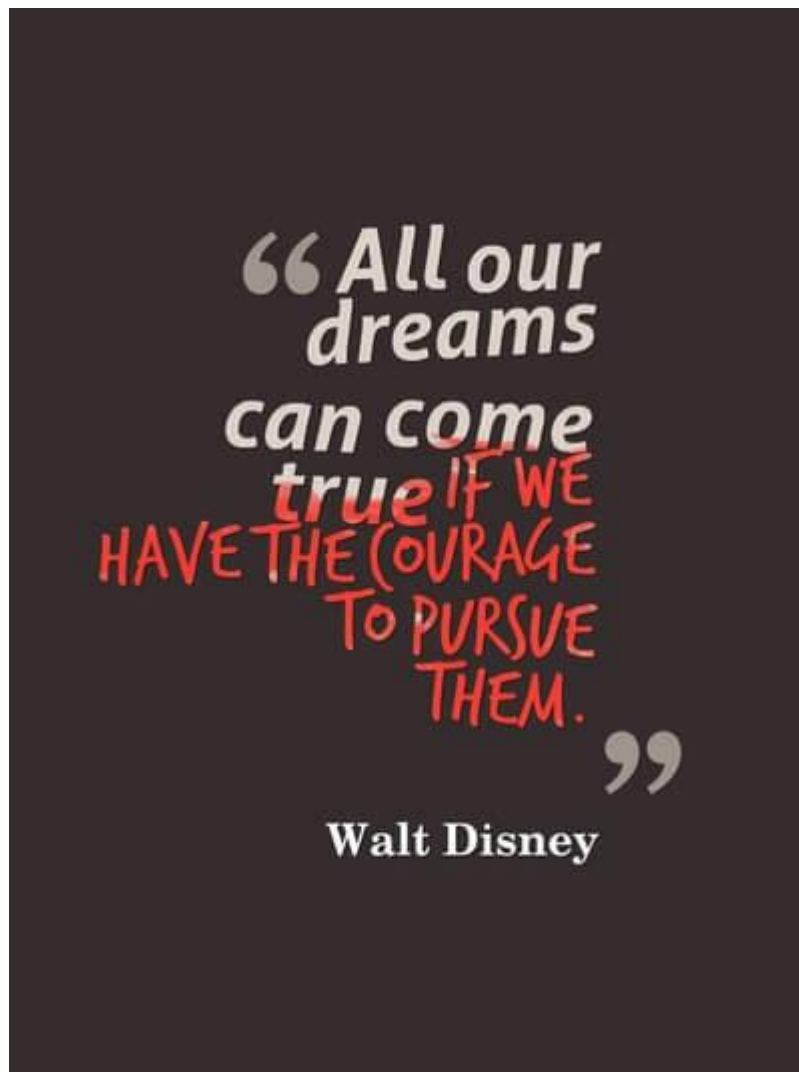
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Henry Ford

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34. All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.
Walt Disney



35. There are two types of people who will tell you that you cannot make a difference in this world: those who are afraid to try and those who are afraid you will succeed.

Ray Goforth

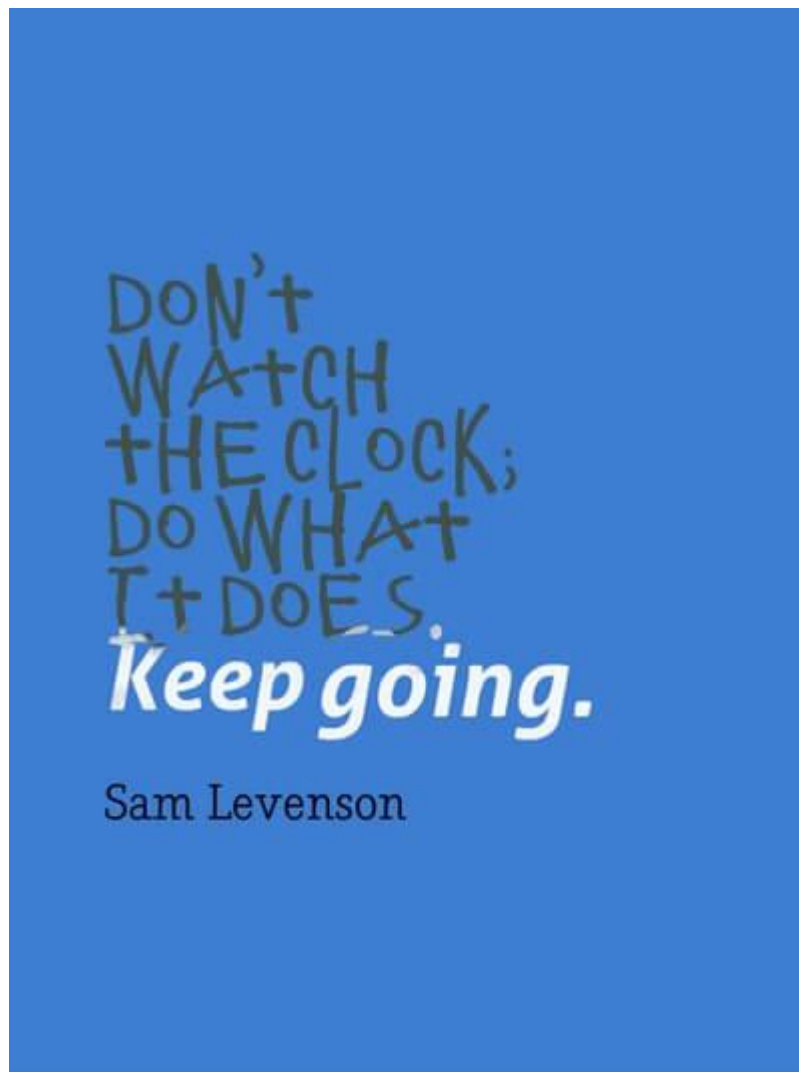
There are numberless excuses for not making a difference in this world. Some of these excuses originate from within us. They are the result of our fears and worries. We think ourselves smaller than we actually are, hence we do not realize how great of an impact we can have. In other cases other people want to keep us small, for whatever nefarious reasons.

Whenever we are confronted with such opposition, it is of the greatest importance to keep going. Only if we are able to ignore our own excuses and other people's doubts we can strive for excellence.

36. What's the point of being alive if you don't at least try to do something remarkable.
Unknown



37. Don't watch the clock; do what it does. Keep going.
Sam Levenson



38. Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do.

Marianne Williamson

The motivational power of this fantastic quote lies therein that it makes us ask the question, "*Who else should be great and fabulous, if not you?*" Great people are not born, they had the courage to become the best they can be. It is a decision to commit oneself to excellence, day after day.

The greatest have arisen from the most ordinary places. They were given the most mundane tools, yet they still managed to shine in the brightest light possible. All these great people share one trait: the willingness to constantly improve themselves in every area of life.

39. I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.
Thomas A. Edison

Thomas A. Edison points out how significantly our own attitude towards failure influences our thinking and behavior. He encourages us not to think of ourselves as losers just because we have failed countless times. Instead, Edison highlights the importance of perseverance. Just imagine what had happened if Edison had only tried 999 times until he gave up: he would not have invented the first commercially viable light bulb.

40. How does one become a butterfly? You must want to fly so much that you are willing to give up being a caterpillar.
Trina Paulus

41. Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life—think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success.
Swami Vivekananda

42. I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.
Jimmy Dean

Many seem to overlook the profound wisdom that can be found within this quote. But what exactly does Jimmy Dean want to tell us with this statement? Dean points out that we cannot change the external circumstances of our lives. There are simply so many variables that we cannot influence. However, we always have the choice to make the best out of the situation, no matter what happens.

Instead of lamenting about opposing wind we can just adjust our sails to reach new and exciting destinations.

43. Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.
Henry Ford



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44. There will be obstacles. There will be doubters. There will be mistakes. But with hard work, there are no limits.

Michael Phelps

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45. Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men, and men are great only if they are determined to be so. For glory gives herself only to those who have always dreamed of her.

Charles De Gaulle

46. You got a dream, you gotta protect it. People can't do something themselves, they wanna tell you, you can't do it. If you want something, go get it. Period.

Will Smith

47. The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus.

Bruce Lee

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48. Motivation is a fire from within. If someone else tries to light that fire under you, chances are it will burn very briefly.

Stephen R. Covey

Long-lasting motivation can only be accomplished if you have a burning desire within you. You alone are responsible for your motivation. **No one else can** do it for you and if they try, the fire that they try to light within you will quickly diminish.

49. Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

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51. Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing.

Helen Keller

The pursuit of your dreams will constantly confront you with insecurities, both internal and environmental. But as Helen Keller has said it so beautifully, you always have the choice to accept the insecurities that come with life. Otherwise your desperate attempts to avoid any danger will restrain you. But if you choose to avoid adventures out of your fear of failure life will become not worth living. Only if you are willing to risk something you will gain something new.

Those who don't even try will only gain one thing: remorse that it could have been.

52. Be miserable. Or motivate yourself. Whatever has to be done, it's always your choice.
Wayne Dyer



53. Nothing great ever came that easy.
Kresley Cole



54. Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter.

Francis Chan

Many people claim to be extraordinarily successful in life. However, when having a look at what they are doing, one gets the impression that whatever they are doing is not too important for the advancement of mankind. It might be commercially lucrative, but not at all beneficial for the rest of mankind.

55. A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him.

David Brinkley

Other people will criticize you for the things that you do. Use this feedback to continuously improve yourself. Don't take criticism too personally, use it to build a strong and long-lasting foundation upon which you can build a successful life.

56. The greatest achievement was at first, and for a time, but a dream.

Napoleon Hill

When we see a successful person we often times only see their stunning accomplishments. While we are in awe about what they have achieved we oftentimes forget that they as well started small. There was a time where the successful people took one tiny step after another towards the accomplishment of their goal. Just like a tiny seed these people kept on pursuing their dreams until they had grown into a large tree.

57. Good things come to people who wait, but better things come to those who go out and get them.

Unknown

58. Great things come to those who don't wait.

Unknown

59. The best way to predict the future is to create it.

Peter Drucker

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60. People who succeed have momentum. The more they succeed, the more they want to succeed, and the more they find a way to succeed. Similarly, when someone is failing, the tendency is to get on a downward spiral that can even become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Tony Robbins

61. When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down “happy”. They told me I didn’t understand the assignment, and I told them they didn’t understand life.

John Lennon

62. One’s best success comes after their greatest disappointments.

Henry Ward Beecher

63. The fishing is best where the fewest go, and the collective insecurity of the world makes it easy for people to hit home runs while everyone else is aiming for base hits. There is just less competition for bigger goals. If you are insecure, guess what? The rest of the world is, too. Do not overestimate the competition and underestimate yourself. You

are better than you think.

Timothy Ferris

How many times have we dreamt of pursuing a specific goal, but chose not to because we thought our competitors were far stronger than ourselves?

Often times your competition seems to be larger-than-life, more sophisticated and more experienced than you. But it isn't the first time that a small David managed to compete successfully with a much larger Goliath. If you believe in your own strength and combine this attitude with a laser-sharp determination to do whatever it takes, then you will be able to challenge your competitors.

64. It's not about time, it's about choices. How are you spending your choices?

Beverly Abamo

65. You will succeed because most people are lazy.

Unknown

66. The starting point of all achievement is desire.

Napoleon Hill

67. If you want to achieve greatness stop asking for permission.

Unknown

68. I find that when you have a real interest in life and a curious life, that sleep is not the most important thing.

Martha Stewart

69. There are no great men. Just great challenges which ordinary men, out of necessity, are forced by circumstance to meet.

Admiral William Frederick Halsey Jr.

70. The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.

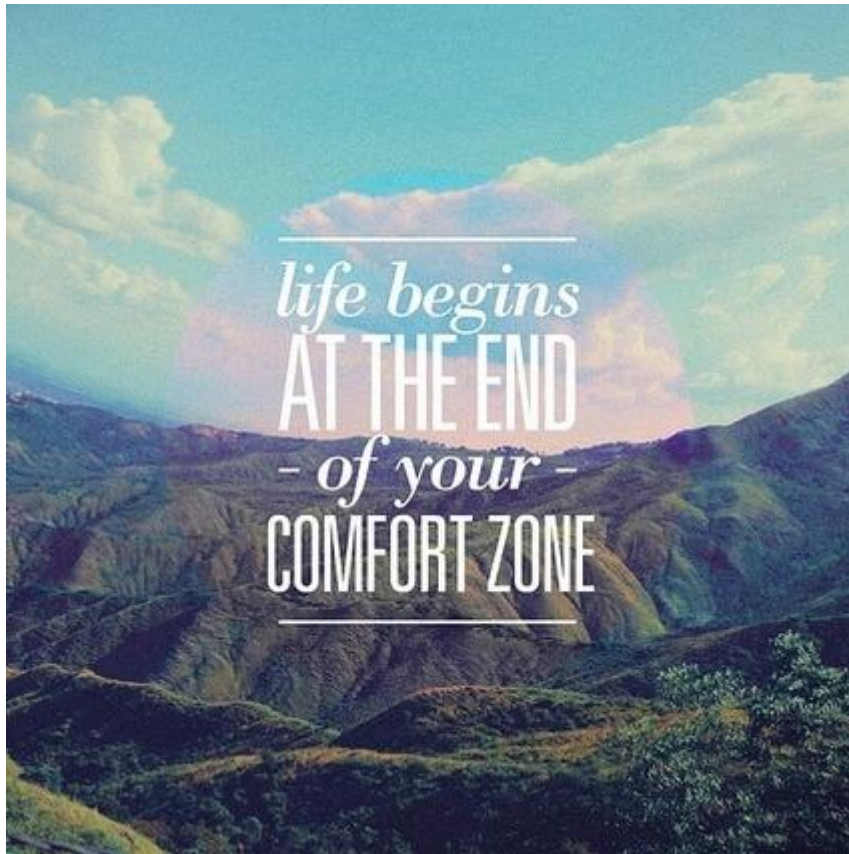
Vidal Sassoon

71. Some people develop a wish bone where their back bone should be.

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72. All progress takes place outside the comfort zone.

Michael John Bobak



73. No matter how hard the past is, you can always begin again.
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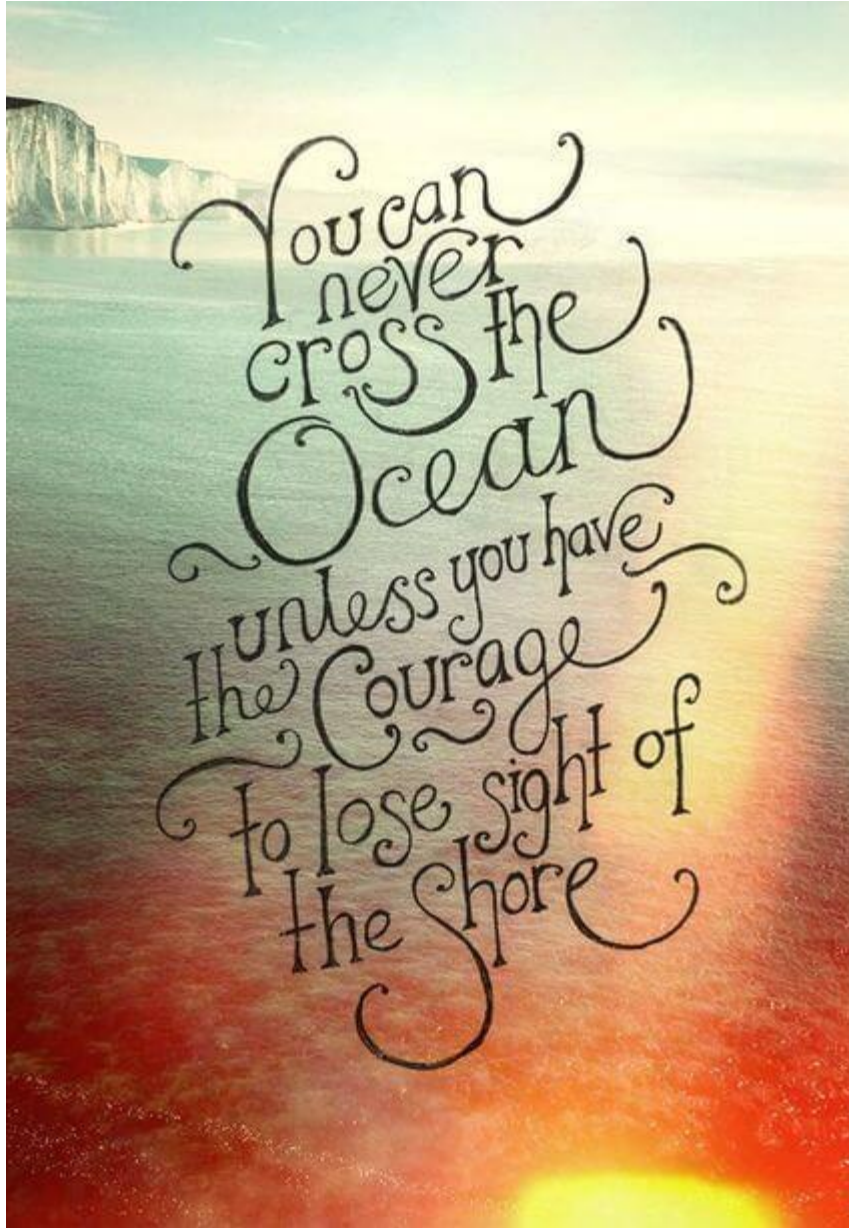
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74. Infuse your life with action. Don't wait for it to happen. Make it happen. Make your own future. Make your own hope. Make your own love. And whatever your beliefs, honor your creator, not by passively waiting for grace to come down from upon high, but by doing what you can to make grace happen... yourself, right now, right down here on Earth.

Bradley Whitford

75. You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore.

Christopher Columbus



Honorary mentions:

76. If you are not willing to risk the usual you will have to settle for the ordinary.

Jim Rohn

77. There are two primary choices in life; to accept conditions as they exist, or to accept the responsibility for changing them.

Dennis Waitley

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78. More often than not, successful entrepreneurs are givers and not takers of positive energy.

Olaf Isachsen

I hope you enjoyed this collection of motivating quotes.

These thoughts can be an important guidance in so many different situations in life, but especially during times of disparity and great challenges. Reading through these inspiring words can help us to face all our challenges and difficulties with great strength and determination.

What's the Core Essence of These Quotes?

Summarizing all these quotes with a couple of sentences is extremely difficult. But let us try to draw the core essence out of all the quotes mentioned in the above:

The greatest challenge we need to overcome is the sluggishness that keeps us from starting what needs to be done. Even the greatest journey starts with a small step in the right direction. However, we need to be willing to make this initial effort. But once we have started walking towards our dreams it is important to never stop, no matter what happens. Only with great care and determination will we be able to realize our visions. In fact, our focus on our dreams needs to be laser-sharp. Only if we are willing to make a great effort we will be rewarded with the most astonishing and exciting gratifications.

So have a vision, get up and start pursuing it until you succeeded.

I hope you like this tiny summary, but let's face it, there could be so much more to say.

The Science behind Motivation

Your ability to tackle your dreams largely depends on the way how you think about doing the required tasks that come along with pursuing your mission. The way you think about your task, either enthusiastically positive or depressingly negative, largely decides on how successful you are able to complete it, if you start it at all.



For this reason it is incredibly important to ask ourselves the question what it is that keeps us from addressing a task. Psychologists identified two major obstacles that can largely decrease your motivation:

- **“I have to.”** One major obstacle that creates a mental resistance is the feeling of being forced to do something. It doesn’t matter whether someone else is forcing you to do it, or you yourself are using pressure to get yourself going. Telling yourself that you have to do this and do that will keep you from going the necessary extra mile, in the long run. Luckily, you are able to overcome this resistance by making it clear that you choose to do this task in order to accomplish an important goal. Reframing it as, **“I chose to,”** will help you to realize that success is a choice.

- **“I can’t do this.”** Often times we are confronted with self-doubt when we face a difficult or challenging task. But more often than not it turns out that we are capable of addressing the issue, even though we previously thought we couldn’t. For this reason, it is important to not allow our own insecurities from preventing the pursuit of our dreams. Reframe situations like this by telling yourself that **“I can make it, practice makes perfect.”** How else should we grow and advance if we are not willing to face challenging situations and tasks?

Share Your Wisdom

The article: Top Quotes – Best Motivational Quotes of All Time will present you famous motivational quotes as well as the best motivational sports quotes of all time. I really like the power of motivational sayings and other inspiring quotes as they allow me to get focused and gain new motivation within a few minutes. These great inspiring quotes shall help you to focus on your goals, aims and will allow you to realize what is really important in life, such as relationships and having a vision.

Definition of Motivation:

Motivation allows us to energize ourselves in order to show a specific goal-orientated behavior. Motivation is quite necessary when it comes to the achievement of aims.

Best motivational quotes of all time:

Top 10 motivational quotes (best motivational quotes):

#1

Motivation is a fire from within. If someone else tries to light that fire under you, chances are it will burn very briefly. ~ Stephen R. Covey⁹

#2

You can have anything you want if you are willing to give up the belief that you can’t have it. ~ Robert Anthony¹⁰

#3

Desire is the starting point of all achievement, not a hope, not a wish, but a keen pulsating desire which transcends everything. ~ Napoleon Hill¹³

#4

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. ~ Albert Schweitzer¹⁸

#5

Just don’t give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don’t think you can go wrong. ~ Ella Fitzgerald

#6

The true measure of an individual is how he treats a person who can do him absolutely no good. ~ Ann Landers

#7

One's best success comes after their greatest disappointments. ~ Henry Ward Beecher

#8

It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit. ~ Harry Truman

#9

Many of the things you can count, don't count. Many of the things you can't count, really count. ~ Albert Einstein

#10

How does one become a butterfly? You must want to fly so much that you are willing to give up being a caterpillar. ~ Trina Paulus

Top 20 motivational quotes (best motivational quotes):

#11

Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive. ~ Howard Thurman

#12

Remember that everyone you meet is afraid of something, loves something and has lost something. ~ H. Jackson Brown Jr.

#13

The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you. ~ John E. Southard

#14

Say what you want to say when you have the feeling and the chance. My greatest regrets are the things I did not do, the opportunities missed and the things unsaid. ~ Jim Keller

#15

If we listened to our intellect, we'd never have a love affair. We'd never have a friendship. We'd never go into business, because we'd be too cynical. Well, that's nonsense. You've got to jump off the cliffs all the time and build your wings on the way down. ~ Annie Dillard.

#16

There are no great men. Just great challenges which ordinary men, out of necessity, are forced by circumstance to meet. ~ Admiral William Frederick Halsey Jr.

#17

In my experience, there is only one motivation, and that is desire. No reason or principle contain it or stand against it. ~ Jane Smiley

#18

Men are born to succeed, not fail. ~ Henry David Thoreau

#19

Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going. ~ Jim Ryun

#20

The first and most important step toward success is the feeling that we can succeed. ~ Nelson Boswell

The best motivational sports quotes:

The strength of the group is the strength of the leaders. ~ Vince Lombardi

If you are going to be a champion, you must be willing to pay a greater price. ~ Bud Wilkinson

The difference between failure and success is doing a thing nearly right and doing it exactly right. ~ Edward C. Simmons

The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender. ~ Vince Lombardi

Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way. ~ Satchel Paige

It isn't hard to be good from time to time in sports. What is tough is being good every day. ~ Willie Mays

The sterner the discipline, the greater the devotion. ~ Pette Carill

Funny motivational quotes:

Some people develop a wish bone where their back bone should be. ~ Unknown

Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret. ~ Ambrose Bierce

The difference between a mountain and a molehill is your perspective. ~ Al Neuharth

relationship failure. Having failed in the past but it won't stop me from trying my things. I description and I talking Motivation. I need other strategies, but it can also be the most exciting part of the world. An individual has a passion for this things and sh

Highly motivational quotes

I hope the above named top quotes about the best motivational quotes of all time have inspired you. Make use of your favorite famous motivational quotes and get a kick in motivation by reading them in times when you feel demotivated. If you are a sportsman I'm sure that the named motivational sports quotes will also be very inspiring quotes for your team.